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**3/14/07--ON MARCH 19, 'ACHIEVING BIPARTISANSHIP: THE CHALLENGE FOR OUR NATIONAL LEADERSHIP' WILL FEATURE SENATOR JOHN KERRY AND OTHER NATIONAL POLITICAL FIGURES.**

3/14/07--Boston College Law School and the 75th Celebration Committee is pleased to announce the final 75th Celebration public event, 'Achieving Bipartisanship: The Challenge for National Leadership.' Featuring many of the Law School's national political leaders, including Senator John Kerry and Congressman Bobby Scott, among others, the event will take place on Monday, March 19 at 9:30 am, and will include a moderated panel discussion and breakout discussion groups with law students and the law school community.

"This is the culmination of our three-year 75th Celebration, and it is a fitting way to usher in the next 75 years," said Dean John H. Garvey. "I'm very pleased that we've been able to gather such an impressive group of alumni together for a single event. It promises to be an important day for our students and community."

The event will take place in the Law School's East Wing Building in Room 115, and will open with a keynote address from Senator Kerry. The panel discussion will follow, moderated by former Senator Warren Rudman ('60) and featuring members of the US Congressional delegation including U.S. Representatives Stephen Lynch ('91), Edward J. Markey ('72), Robert "Bobby" Scott, ('73), Michael E. Capuano, ('77), and Paul Hodes ('78). The panelists will then join the breakout groups to discuss issues of the day with students, faculty and staff.

All participants will receive the Law School's 75th Alumni Awards.

### **Bios:**

#### *Senator John F. Kerry*

Senator John F. Kerry is the junior United States Senator from Massachusetts. He was the Presidential nominee of the Democratic party in the 2004 election. He is currently the Chairman of the United State Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Senator Kerry graduated from Yale University in 1966. That same year he volunteered to serve in the U.S. Navy and served two tours of duty in Vietnam.

Senator Kerry graduated from Boston College Law School in 1976 and worked as a prosecutor in Middlesex County. He was elected Lieutenant Governor in 1982 and two years later was elected to the US Senate. He is now serving his 4th term in the Senate. As chairman of the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs, he worked closely with John McCain to learn the truth about American soldiers missing in Vietnam and to normalize relations with that country. As the ranking Democrat on the East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee, he is a leading expert on that region, including North Korea. He is a leading voice on American policy in Iraq and Afghanistan, the war on terrorism, the Middle East peace process and Israel's security.

#### *Senator Warren B. Rudman*

Senator Warren B. Rudman has been Of Counsel in the Corporate Department of Paul Weiss, Washington, DC, since 2003. He joined the firm in 1993 as partner after serving two terms in the US Senate representing New Hampshire. He is very active and co-chairman of the Concord Coalition, a non-profit organization which he founded and set up as a grass-roots movement to

awaken the American people to the gravity of our nation's fiscal crisis.

While in the Senate, he served as chairman and vice chairman of the Senate Ethics Committee. He was appointed vice-chairman of the Senate Select Committee investigating arms transfers to Iran, where he was instrumental in organizing and directing the investigation of the Iran-Contra affair. Prior to serving in the Senate, he served as attorney general of the State of New Hampshire from 1970-1976.

*Representative Stephen F. Lynch*

Representative Stephen F. Lynch was first sworn in to the US Congress in 2001. Upon graduation from South Boston High School in 1973, Congressman Lynch entered the Ironworkers Apprenticeship Program and later joined his father as a member of Boston's Ironworkers Local 7. He worked as a structural ironworker for 18 years and was eventually elected to serve as president of The Iron Workers Union, the youngest president in the history of the 2000 member union.

Congressman Lynch continued his education at Wentworth Institute of Technology on nights and weekends, earning a Bachelor's degree in Construction Management. He later received a law degree from Boston College Law School, was admitted to both the Massachusetts and New Hampshire Bar, and continued his advocacy for working people as a labor and employment attorney. In 1999, he earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

In 1994, Congressman Lynch was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives. After just fourteen months in office, he was elected to the Massachusetts State Senate in a special election. In the Senate, he served as the Chair of the Joint Committee on Commerce and Labor. In the 110th Congress, Congressman Lynch serves on the Committee on Financial Services and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Lynch is a member of both the Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs and the Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia.

Congressman Lynch is a co-founder of the Congressional Labor and Working Families Caucus, which was formed to protect workers rights and educate Members of Congress on issues that impact American families.

Lynch was recently named co-chair of the Combating Terrorist Financing Task Force, a bipartisan Congressional panel that monitors the status of national and international efforts to track and stop the flow of funds to terrorist groups and works to strengthen our national anti-terrorist finance strategy.

*US Representative Edward J. Markey*

Edward J. Markey has been a member of the US House of Representatives since 1976. He is the highest ranking Democrat on the House Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet. He is also a senior member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, the Committee on Homeland Security, and Resources Committee. He is the co chair of bipartisan Caucuses on Privacy, Alzheimer's Disease and Nonproliferation. He graduated from Boston College, '68, and Boston College Law School, '72.

Representative Markey remains very active on telecommunications issues, working to ensure new sources of effective competition to cable TV franchises, local telephone operators, and satellite services. Moreover, he is leading the effort to improve aviation and port security. He is a key Congressional policymaker on energy issues, a leader in providing privacy protections for personal information such as medical records, financial records, and purchases on-line, and a champion for environmental initiatives to preserve wildlife refuges, and national parks, clean air and clean water. As a leader of energy policy, he has led the fight for higher fuel economy standards for cars and SUVs and against drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. National Journal named Rep. Markey to its 'Homeland Security 100', a list of the top leaders influencing homeland security policy. He is a leading advocate for consumer rights.

*US Representative Robert C. "Bobby" Scott*

Congressman Bobby Scott is now entering his eighth term in the US House of Representatives, representing the 3rd District of Virginia. Representative Scott serves on the House Committee on the Judiciary where he is the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. He also serves on the House Committee on Education and Labor and the House Committee on the Budget.

Most recently he led bipartisan efforts to pass comprehensive juvenile delinquency prevention legislation and is a leading opponent to efforts to permit employment discrimination based on race or religion in federally funded programs. He has championed legislation to protect the rights of children with disabilities and is known in Congress as a champion of the Bill of Rights. Prior to serving in Congress he practiced law and served for 15 years in the Virginia General Assembly.

Bobby Scott graduated from Harvard College, and Boston College Law School in 1973.

*US Representative Michael E. Capuano*

US Representative Michael E. Capuano is currently serving his fifth term as US Representative in Congress for Massachusetts's Eighth District. Congressman Capuano is a member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the House Committee on Financial Services. He was recently appointed by Speaker Pelosi as the Chairman of the Special Task Force on Ethics Enforcement. Representative Capuano created and co-chairs the bipartisan Congressional Former Mayors' Caucus, the Congressional Caucus on Community Health Centers and the Congressional Caucus on Korea and on Sudan. He has emerged as a leading Congressional voice in fighting the ongoing atrocities and genocide in Dafur.

Prior to serve in Congress, Michael Capuano was the mayor of Somerville. He is a 1973 graduate of Dartmouth College and a 1977 graduate of Boston College Law School.

*U.S. Representative Paul Hodes*

Paul Hodes was elected to the US House of Representatives on November 6, 2006, representing the 2nd District of New Hampshire. He was recently elected president of the House freshman class and appointed to the Oversight and Government Reform Committee and the Financial Services Committee. He graduated from Dartmouth College and Boston College Law School in 1978. After graduating from BC Law, he served as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of New Hampshire and was chosen to become a Special Prosecutor for the State. He entered private practice in 1983, co-founding the firm of Roussos, Hage and Hodes and joined the firm of Shaheen and Gordon in 1996.

Paul and his wife Peggy formed the musical duo Peggosus, winning accolades across New England for their pioneering rock-and-roll for children. Paul and Peggy have released six albums of various styles, earning several Parents' Choice Awards. The duo were invited to perform at the White House in 1996.