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## **IFPTE Responds to the Passing of Senator Kennedy** **Senator Kennedy was an 'Icon to Working People'**

WASHINGTON, DC – International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE) President, Gregory Junemann, issued the following statement regarding the passing of Senator Edward Kennedy:

“All of us at IFPTE send out our deepest condolences to the Kennedy family. During this very difficult time, we at IFPTE hope that the Senator’s family can take comfort in knowing the tremendously positive impact that his monumental work has had on so many lives.

“Senator Kennedy has been a champion to our most vulnerable citizens. He frequently was the leading voice for such causes as increasing the minimum wage, ensuring that all children and seniors throughout our nation were assured of healthcare coverage, and that our public schools had the resources and policies necessary so that every child, regardless of race or economic circumstance, had an opportunity to receive a quality public education. Whenever he saw an injustice in our nation he worked until it was corrected. This is particularly true when it comes to his quest to ensure that all Americans are guaranteed healthcare coverage.

“To those of us in the labor community Senator Kennedy has been an icon to working people. He understood that the best social program in America was a job that afforded workers not only a livable wage, a voice on the job, and quality healthcare, but also an assurance that workers were treated with dignity and respect.

“Senator Kennedy was the conscious of the Congress and our nation. Today we at IFPTE not only mourn his passing, but we also honor his historical contributions to our nation.”

IFPTE is a labor union representing upwards of 90,000 workers in Canada and the United States.

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