

Corporation for National and Community Service
Board of Directors

Resolution

WHEREAS, Senator Edward M. Kennedy, over four decades, was the architect and stalwart supporter of legislation establishing and expanding national and community service programs that transformed individual citizens and communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, Senator Kennedy was a key sponsor of the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993, which created the Corporation for National and Community Service and launched AmeriCorps; and

WHEREAS, Senator Kennedy was a passionate supporter of all national service programs, from service-learning to Senior Corps to VISTA and the National Civilian Community Corps; and

WHEREAS, Senator Kennedy, together with Senator Hatch and a host of Senate and House legislators, forged an effective bi-partisan consensus to pass the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act of 2009, which promises to expand national and community service throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, Senator Kennedy demonstrated his personal commitment to service not only as a Member of Congress, but also as long-time tutor of low-income children through a local Washington, D.C. program; and

WHEREAS, Senator Kennedy leaves a lasting legacy of profound dedication to national and community service in all its diverse forms;

BE IT RESOLVED, this 16th day of September, 2009, that the Board of Directors, expresses its profound sympathy to the Kennedy family at the Senator's passing and reaffirms its own commitment to fulfilling the vision expressed in the Serve America Act of a nation transformed by the collective service of its citizens to the greater good.

Approved by voice vote without objection, September 16, 2009