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Senator Edward Moore Kennedy 1932 – 2009

Few leaders in our time have impacted so many ordinary people in such extraordinary ways, as has Senator Edward Moore Kennedy. A man of great privilege and wealth, who could have chosen to live a quiet, exceedingly comfortable life, instead turned his considerable gifts to addressing the needs of the other – the dispossessed, oppressed, less privileged, and the least amongst us.

We are reminded that among his many significant and timeless accomplishments, Senator Kennedy played a significant and prominent role in establishing the WIC Program and in assuring its continued protection and enhancement. His leadership empowered our WIC Community with the tools to respond to families in need. That WIC is the nation's premier public health nutrition program is due in no small part to Senator Kennedy's leadership.

It falls to us now, WIC leaders across the nation, to assure in the great Senator's own words that "the cause endures, the hope still lives, and the dream shall never die."

May he rest in peace, knowing that we have taken up the torch.