

**EDWARD M. KENNEDY FOR U.S. SENATOR**

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Boston Attorney Edward M. Kennedy said today he will seek the Democratic nomination for the office of United States Senator.

Mr. Kennedy stated:

"I am announcing today my candidacy for the Senate of the United States. I make this decision in full knowledge of the obstacles I will face, the charges that will be made, and the heavy responsibilities of the office to which I aspire. But after talking with citizens in every corner of this Commonwealth, my candidacy is based on the conviction that I can win both the nomination and the election, and best serve the people of my home state in this capacity.

"The Senate is surely one of the most important bodies in the Free World. Each year its decisions affect the hopes and lives of men and women in every part of the globe, in every state of the Union and in every town, city, and county in Massachusetts. In the months and years immediately ahead, the Senate will be deciding whether our younger citizens will receive the education they need--whether our older citizens will receive the medical care they need--whether our transportation system will flourish or falter--whether our cities will obtain new industries and whether our industries will obtain new contracts and new markets at home and abroad--whether our tax laws, our immigration laws, our anti-recession safeguards and our anti-crime laws are to be modernized and made more effective.

"In a Democratic Senate, in a Democratic Congress, under a Democratic administration, Massachusetts must have a Democratic voice in the councils of the Senate--a voice of vigor and authority that will be heard.

"I have sufficient confidence in the people of Massachusetts to believe that it is on the basis of these issues--and nothing else--that they will make their choice for Senator. This state is proud of its historic achievement of the past and its outstanding leaders of the present. I begin today a campaign--on the issues--pledged to build the future of Massachusetts."

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ATTORNEY EDWARD M. KENNEDY

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR THE UNITED STATES SENATE

BIOGRAPHY

Edward M. Kennedy was born in Brookline, Mass. Feb. 22, 1932, one of nine children of former Ambassador to Great Britain and Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy.

He was educated at Milton Academy, Harvard College, Class of 1954, International Law School, The Hague, Holland, 1958, and University of Virginia Law School, Class of 1959.

At law school he was president of the Legal Forum, a member of the Student Advisory Committee and winner of the 1959 Appellate Court & Competition.

He served two years in the U.S. Army Infantry with assignments in France and Germany.

In 1959 he was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar. His application cited as his main ambition "the public service of this state."

He was appointed Assistant District Attorney of Suffolk County in 1961. In addition to his successful record of prosecution of felony cases, Atty. Kennedy served as representative of the Suffolk County district attorney on youth panels designed to salvage problem youths.

His interest in youth stemmed from his undergraduate years at Harvard when he served as a volunteer settlement house counsellor and vocational guidance worker at South End House in Boston.

He managed President Kennedy's 1958 Senate campaign which resulted in a record-breaking 800,000 vote plurality in Massachusetts.

In the John F. Kennedy for President campaign he was co-ordinator of the Western States plus Alaska and Hawaii.

Atty. Kennedy has made extensive visits to most of the free nations of the world, including Latin and South American, European and Middle-Eastern countries. He also visited Poland and East Berlin. He was an official observer with the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Fact-Finding Mission to Africa.

His deep interest in international problems as well as those of his own federal and state governments drew favorable comment from many foreign government leaders.

The President of Venezuela, Carlos Romulo Betancourt, said: "...Mr. Kennedy has declined official engagements and has sought contact with the Venezuelan people. He has gone to the peasant settlements ... in order to make contact with

the men who work the soil and to acquire an understanding of the true conditons in a part of our country..." In Milan, Italy, the newspaper L'Italia praised Atty. Kennedy "for his deep knowledge of international and economical problems, for his ability to analyze complex problems and express them with surprising clarity."

Atty. Kennedy has authored articles on the crises confronting underdeveloped nations of the free world. He also has written reports on the European Common Market and proposed tariff reductions with a view toward their possible effect on the Massachusetts industrial climate.

In his native state, Atty. Kennedy has received numerous citations for community services. He was chairman of the American Cancer Crusade in Massachusetts during 1961 which recruited 101,000 volunteers and raised a record-breaking \$1,328,000. He also was chairman of the 1961 United Fund Health and Fitness Fair and headed the Massachusetts delegation to Italy in commemoration of the First Centennial of Italian Unification. For his interest in Italians both here and abroad he was awarded the Order of Merit, with the rank of Commander.

His many other activities include memberships on the Executive Board of the Mass. Chapter, Arthritis and

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Rheumatism Foundation; the board of trustees of Boston University; the advisory board of Emmanuel College; Judge Advocate of the Polish-American Veterans Post of Boston; the Knights of Columbus. He also is president of the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation.

Atty. Kennedy is married to the former Joan Bennett of New York. They have two children, Kara, born Feb. 27, 1960, and Edward M. Jr., born Sept. 26, 1961. They reside at 3 Charles River Square, Boston.

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