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RIHEAA Statement on Senator Claiborne Pell

Warwick, RI: The RI Higher Education Assistance Authority staff and board of directors today were deeply saddened by the news of Senator Claiborne Pell's passing. RIHEAA is proud that its mission is an extension of the Senator's lifetime efforts in assuring that students have equal access and opportunity to a post-secondary education of their choice. In recognition of his the Senator's dedication to providing financial assistance to generations of students, especially Rhode Islanders, RIHEAA will continue to carry on his legacy in assisting low income families with the aid they need to attain the dream of a post-secondary education.

"Having worked with Senator Pell and having learned first hand of his dedication to the citizens of Rhode Island, I was honored to consider him my mentor and friend. He will be truly missed and our condolences are extended to the Pell family," said Dr. Robert McKenna, Chairman of the RIHEAA Board of Directors.