

Edward M. Kennedy

1932-2009

America's influential elder statesman and dominant voice on health care, civil rights, war, and peace

■ **Feb 22, 1932:** **Edward Moore Kennedy** born in Boston suburb of Brookline, youngest of nine children of **Joseph P. Kennedy** and **Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy**

■ **1951:** Expelled from Harvard for cheating, joins army

■ **1956:** Graduates with law degree after being readmitted to Harvard

■ **1960:** Brother **John F. Kennedy** elected president, vacating his Massachusetts seat in Senate

■ **1962:** Edward elected senator for Massachusetts – post he holds until end of his life

■ **1963:** President Kennedy assassinated

■ **1967:** Speaks out against Vietnam war

■ **1968:** Brother **Robert F. Kennedy** assassinated during Democratic presidential campaign

■ **1969:** Kennedy's image badly tarnished after car crash which kills passenger **Mary Jo Kopechne** on Chappaquiddick island

■ **1971:** Calls for withdrawal of British troops from Northern Ireland

■ **1980:** Begins to rebuild political career as champion of liberal causes

■ **1996-97:** Authors Health Insurance and Portability Act, which allows jobless to maintain medical insurance; and Children's Health Act, which increases access to health care

■ **2008:** Endorses **Barack Obama** for Democratic nomination, effectively ending **Hillary Clinton's** bid for presidency

■ **May:** Diagnosed with malignant brain tumour

■ **Aug 25, 2009:** Edward Kennedy dies at home in Hyannis Port, Massachusetts

