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WHEREAS, the APFA Board of Directors created and is authorized to bestow the Edward M. Kennedy Award for Public Service on Behalf of the Labor Movement to honor individuals in the public or private sectors "in recognition and appreciation of their dedication and contribution to the protection and promotion of the rights of America's workers and their families and the work of unions to further those goals;" and

WHEREAS, Senator Edward Markey, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, has focused on protecting and advancing the lives of the American middle class throughout his 37-year career in the US Congress; and

WHEREAS, Senator Markey has worked tirelessly of behalf of Flight Attendants, particularly in regard to aviation security; and

WHEREAS, Senator Markey and his staff continue to be strong supporters of APFA and our partners on issues important to Flight Attendants; and

WHEREAS, while a member of the House of Representatives, Senator Markey introduced HR 1093 -- the No Knives Act of 2013 -- which played a key role in the continued prohibition of knives on board the cabin aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Senator Markey lead the public effort against the Transportation Security Administration's plan to allow knives on board airplanes in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Senator Markey, through legislation and public statements, previously pushed back against loosening restrictions on dangerous items being allowed in the cabin; and

WHEREAS, while a member of the US House of Representatives, Senator Markey authored legislation and ultimately achieved the goal of 100 percent air cargo screening; and

WHEREAS, Senator Markey continues to stand with APFA throughout the bankruptcy process and now merger with US Airways; and

WHEREAS, Senator Markey is rated 100 percent by the AFL-CIO, the benchmark for standing with organized labor in Congress; and

WHEREAS, Senator Markey is a champion for all middle class Americans, including over 400 APFA members he counts as constituents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the APFA Board of Directors bestow the Edward M. Kennedy Award for Public Service on Behalf of the Labor Movement on Senator Edward Markey, with the award to be presented at the 2014 Awards and Recognition Banquet at the Annual Convention in Washington, D.C.