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**Mark Roosevelt and Thomas Vallely, Former State Representatives
for the 8th Suffolk District Endorse Marty Walz**

June 23, 2004. Building on her endorsement by Rep. Paul Demakis, Marty Walz has been endorsed by Mark Roosevelt and Thomas Vallely, former State Representatives for the 8th Suffolk District. With these endorsements, the state representatives for the 8th Suffolk District from 1981 to the present have endorsed her candidacy.

“I have known and worked with Marty for 15 years. I know she will continue the tradition of progressive leadership that the 8th Suffolk District has come to expect,” said Roosevelt.

“Marty’s experience makes her exceptionally well qualified to be a state representative. An accomplished leader, she will be a strong, respected voice in the legislature,” said Vallely.

“I am honored that all three of these outstanding representatives have confidence in me. They know what it takes to be a successful state representative, and their support demonstrates that I am the most qualified candidate to be their successor,” Marty Walz said.

Mark Roosevelt is the Managing Director of the Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education. Prior to joining MBAE in May of 2003, he served for six years as President and CEO of Massachusetts Biomedical Initiatives, a non-profit economic development corporation working with government, academic and private institutions to start and attract medical companies in Massachusetts. Mr. Roosevelt served eight years in the Massachusetts House of Representatives; as House Chairman of the Legislature's Committee on Education, he co-authored and steered to passage the landmark Education Reform Act of 1993, which restructured the way Massachusetts funds and manages its public schools. Most recently, he served as a member of the gubernatorial

Task Force on State Intervention in Underperforming Districts. The 1994 Democratic nominee for Governor of Massachusetts, Mr. Roosevelt began his career in government as a member of President Carter's domestic policy staff and subsequently was the Executive Director of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation in Boston.

Thomas Vallely is the Director of the Vietnam Program at the Center for Business and Government at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He is responsible for directing the Program's research efforts into Vietnam's economy, as well as its Fulbright-sponsored teaching program at the Ho Chi Minh City University of Economics. Prior to becoming Director of the Vietnam Program, Mr. Vallely was a Senior Research Fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, where he worked on strategic and military issues in east and Southeast Asia. He has worked as a political consultant and was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1980, serving until 1987. Mr. Vallely served with the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam.

Marty Walz is Vice President of Development at Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc., a nonprofit that serves at-risk preschool children. Previously, she has worked for Boston Public Schools and as an attorney in private practice. She also has a long record of community service: she has served as President of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay and as Chair of Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee. Marty is a member of the Massachusetts Democratic State Committee and is a board member of The Women's Lunch Place, a daytime shelter for poor and homeless women, and NARAL Pro-Choice Massachusetts, an organization dedicated to protecting women's reproductive freedom. For more information, visit www.martywalz.com.

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