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The Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus Congratulates Sen. Linda Dorcena Forry on 23 Years of Public Service

Boston, January 2018: After 23 years of public service, the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus (MBLLC) bids farewell to one of its longest serving members, **Senator Linda Dorcena Forry (D-Dorchester)**. On January 25, the Senator resigned from her Senate seat to embark on a new opportunity as Vice President of Northeast Region, Diversity, Inclusion and Community Relations for Suffolk Construction in Boston.

“It’s been an honor serving on the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus and working with my colleagues toward positive outcomes for individuals and communities of color. After much consideration, I am proudly joining Suffolk’s leadership team. Under John Fish’s vision, Suffolk has established a long history of civic engagement and I look forward to being part of the team and helping Suffolk to continue to make a positive difference in our communities and make an impact on future generations,” said Senator Forry. “During this time of reflection, it has reaffirmed what I have always known, that there is nothing more precious or important than family. I am excited to begin the next chapter in my family’s story by joining Suffolk, an organization at the forefront of economic growth and social activism in Boston and nationally,” she continued.

“We are losing a major piece of the MBLLC,” said MBLLC Chair, **Representative Frank Moran (D-Lawrence)**. “Senator Forry brings an irreplaceable energy and tenacity to our membership. We will miss her immensely and congratulate her on her new endeavor. It has been an honor to serve with her and know firsthand how lucky Suffolk Construction is to have her on their team!” continued Representative Moran.

For over two decades, Senator Linda Dorcena Forry has dedicated her professional life to a career in public service, including thirteen years as an elected official and the last five years as Senator of the First Suffolk District and the first Haitian American to serve in the Senate.

“Senator Forry has been a phenomenal colleague and member of the Senate. Her departure is the Senate’s great loss and Suffolk Construction’s gain” said **Senator Sonia Chang-Díaz (D – Jamaica Plain)**, MBLLC Vice Chair. “Linda made enormous contributions to our Commonwealth over the last decade, in community development, in housing, in immigration policy, and higher education. And her presence made a real difference for women of color and first-generation Americans – lighting the way for so many of us to run for office and serve our fellow Bay Staters,” continued Senator Chang-Díaz.

Senator Forry was elected to the House of Representatives in 2005. In April 2013, after a highly competitive special election, Forry was elected to the Massachusetts State Senate. A native Bostonian, Senator Forry is the first woman and person of color to represent the Commonwealth's

First Suffolk District, a diverse and thriving cross-section of Boston which includes Dorchester, Mattapan, South Boston and Hyde Park. In 2017, Senator Forry was appointed Assistant Majority Whip and also named Vice-Chair of the Committees on Housing and Intergovernmental Affairs; and served as a member of the Joint Committees on Transportation; Marijuana Policy; Export Development; and Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities. During her time in office, Senator Forry also served as MBLLC Chair, Vice Chair of the Special Senate Committee on Drug Addiction Treatment Options and Application of Section 35 working in various capacities in both state and local government, and a member of the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators.

Looking ahead, the MBLLC looks forward to continuing to work with Senator Forry in her new capacity.

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