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Congressman Tierney Recognized by Goodwill

Has been advocate for workforce issues

Boston (May 4, 2010) – Goodwill Industries International recently honored Congressman John Tierney (D–MA) as a recipient of its Goodwill National Policymaker Award for 2010. The award recognizes a federal policymaker who has clearly demonstrated support for Goodwill’s public policy priorities.

Rep. Tierney was nominated by Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries for his long history as a champion for the workforce system. Tierney feels strongly about more accountability for the new legislation including youth being represented and helping both veterans and people with disabilities integrate into the workforce.

“Congressman Tierney has dedicated himself to work for reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act,” said Jim Gibbons, president and CEO of Goodwill Industries International. “In addition, Goodwill is grateful for the public awareness that he brings to fully fund this legislation in order to maintain control over local workforce systems and put people in jobs.”

“Congressman Tierney has been a strong supporter of job training and workforce issues,” said Joanne K. Hilferty, president and CEO of Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries. “We are thankful for the work he has done that has benefited the individuals we serve in our job training center in Salem and throughout the region.”

At a reception in Washington, DC, on Tuesday, April 27, Rep. Tierney was recognized and thanked for his ongoing concern for issues relevant to Goodwill. The reception was part of Goodwill Industries International’s fourth Advocacy Day — “Invest in the American Worker.”

“The work Goodwill does to provide job training and employment services to those looking for a better future for themselves and their families reflects the priorities for which I have long fought in Congress,” said Congressman John F. Tierney. “I am grateful and honored to be the recipient of Goodwill’s National Policymaker Award for 2010.”

ABOUT GOODWILL INDUSTRIES INTERNATIONAL

Goodwill Industries International is a network of 180 community-based, independent agencies in the United States, Canada, and 13 other countries. Goodwill is one of the nation's top five most valuable and recognized nonprofit brands as well as a leading social services enterprise (Source: Cone Nonprofit Power Brand 100, 2009). Goodwill agencies are innovative and sustainable social enterprises that fund job training programs, employment placement services and other community-based programs by selling donated clothing and household items in more than 2,400 retail stores and online at www.shopgoodwill.com. Local Goodwill agencies also build revenue and create jobs by contracting with businesses and government to provide a wide range of commercial services, including packaging and assembly, food service preparation and document imaging and shredding. In 2009, nearly 2 million people in the United States and Canada benefited from Goodwill's career services. Goodwill channels 83 percent of its revenues directly into its programs and services. To find your local Goodwill, use the online locator at www.goodwill.org or call (800) 741-0186.

ABOUT MORGAN MEMORIAL GOODWILL INDUSTRIES

For more than a century, Goodwill has provided job training programs and partnered with the business community to provide meaningful work opportunities for individuals with disabilities and other barriers to self-sufficiency. In addition, Goodwill operates Boston Career Link, a one-stop career center, which offers universal access to a broad range of services for job seekers, individuals who are looking to advance or change careers, and employers seeking good job candidates. Goodwill also offers programs that foster academic achievement and career aspirations among urban youth. The Goodwill Stores in eastern and central Massachusetts provide jobs and on-the-job training opportunities, offer quality, low-cost goods to individuals and families looking for value and support other programs and services fulfilling Goodwill's charitable mission. For more information, please visit www.goodwillmass.org

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