THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS MOURNS THE DEATH OF ED KOCH

Koch Known to Nation’s Mayors as ‘Larger Than Life’

Washington, D.C. – United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) President Philadelphia Mayor Michael A. Nutter and USCM CEO and Executive Director Tom Cochran today issued the following joint statement after the death of Mayor Koch:

“The U.S. Conference of Mayors today mourns the loss of New York City Mayor Ed Koch.

“Mayor Koch was an integral part of the USCM family who served as a mentor and friend to many, many mayors around the country.

“He was an iconic figure and historical mayor who will be known to current and former mayors for his ‘larger than life’ personality.

“He was a courageous trailblazer – he was the first mayor to bring the issue of crack cocaine and related crime exploding on the streets of America into policy discussions and debates at USCM meetings.

“Mayor Koch was fierce defender of his city – he worked with the USCM to bring New York City back from the brink of bankruptcy and financial ruin.

“The Conference of Mayors today mourns the loss of a giant among mayors who always spoke his mind with totally honesty about the issues of his city and the nation’s cities.”

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