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## **Springfield Garners Twelve Spots Among “1,000 Great Places in Massachusetts”**

Senator Gale D. Candaras (D – Wilbraham) announced today that the Springfield was recognized twelve times among the 1,000 Great Places in Massachusetts by a special commission charged with whittling down a list of over 12,000 submissions from throughout the state.

“The City of Springfield has always been rich with cultural and historical landmarks as well as attractions which bring people from near and far to the City of Homes,” Candaras said. “These twelve places, among many others, represent the best of what Springfield has to offer.

Included from Springfield are:

1935 The Student Prince  
Basketball Hall of Fame  
Central Library  
City Stage  
Dr. Seuss Memorial  
Forest Park  
Mattoon Street  
Museum of Springfield History  
Smith and Wesson Museum

Springfield Armory  
Springfield Museums Quadrangle  
Titanic Historical Society Museum

“This list of 1,000 Great Places in Massachusetts celebrates what a truly special place Massachusetts is,” says Eric Turkington of Falmouth, a former state representative who chairs the Great Places in Massachusetts Commission. “It reminds us how fortunate we are to have such a wealth of heritage, cultural diversity, and natural beauty right in our backyard.”

The list of 1000 Great Places will be posted on the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism (MOTT) website at [www.massvacation.com](http://www.massvacation.com). Other “Great Places” in Western Mass include Lupa Zoo in Ludlow, Laughing Brook Wildlife Sanctuary in Hampden, and the Quabbin Reservoir Visitors Center in Belchertown. All Great Places are open and available to the public.

The 1,000 Great Places Commission was created by the Legislature and signed into law by Governor Deval Patrick in 2009. Its mission is to identify and recognize the 1000 most truly special places in the Commonwealth, in order to celebrate pride in our history and culture, increase knowledge of our natural surroundings, and encourage regional and international tourism.

The program is administered through a partnership of the Joint Committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development; the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism and its regional tourism councils; and the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC).