Veteran Sen. John Edwards, who was the 2004 Democratic presidential nominee and the former U.S. senator from North Carolina, is remembered for his service to the state and his advocacy for the working class. Born in 1953, Edwards was raised in a working-class family in Granville County, North Carolina. He attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he earned a B.A. in government and political science.

In 1977, Edwards was elected to the North Carolina House of Representatives, where he served for two years. In 1984, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served until 1992. During his time in Congress, Edwards was a member of the House Judiciary Committee and the House Rules Committee.

In 1992, Edwards ran for the U.S. Senate and was elected to represent North Carolina in the Senate. He served for two terms, during which he focused on issues such as education, health care, and Social Security. In 2004, Edwards ran for the Democratic nomination for president, arguing that the country needed a fresh start and a new direction.

After losing the presidential nomination, Edwards returned to North Carolina and focused on his work as a senator. He continued to advocate for the working class and for issues such as health care reform and education policy. Edwards was re-elected to the Senate in 2006 and served until 2013.

Edwards passed away on June 17, 2018, after a long battle with cancer. His legacy continues to inspire many, particularly those who were part of the working class or those who are fighting for social justice and equality.
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