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**SECRETARY GALVIN TO PRESENT 2008 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD TO
WILLIAM POWER, PEABODY**

Secretary of the Commonwealth William Francis Galvin, Chairman of the Massachusetts Historical Commission, announces the selection of William Power from Peabody to receive a 2008 Massachusetts Historical Commission Historic Preservation Award.

“The Massachusetts Historical Commission is proud to recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of this year’s awardees,” said Secretary Galvin. “I commend William Power for his active and energetic dedication to preservation projects in Peabody.”

William Power has been actively involved in Peabody’s historic preservation activities for over 20 years. He currently chairs the George Peabody House Civic Center and the Community Preservation Committee, is the president of the Peabody Historical Commission, and a member of the Peabody Historical Society, among many other roles and affiliations. Mr. Power was a driving force behind many of the city’s historical initiatives, including the creation of two historic districts and having local sites added to the National Register of Historic Places. He supported the creation of a local archive in Peabody, has protected historic areas from development, assisted in renovating historic buildings, and helped to open the Leather Workers Museum. He also authored a book highlighting historical postcards showcasing the city of Peabody. Mr. Power’s dedication to historic preservation and the City of Peabody are outstanding.

Secretary Galvin will present the awards at an early evening ceremony on Thursday, May 29, 2008 at the Massachusetts Archives Building at 220 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. William Power is one of 11 projects and individuals to be honored.

This is the 30th year of MHC’s Preservation Awards program. Projects are considered annually for awards in the categories of Rehabilitation and Restoration, Adaptive Reuse, Education and Outreach, Archaeology, and Landscape Preservation. Individuals are considered in the categories of Individual Lifetime Achievement and Local Preservationist. Secretary Galvin serves as the chair of the 17-member Massachusetts Historical Commission.

The Massachusetts Historical Commission is the office of the State Historic Preservation Officer and the State Archaeologist. It was established in 1963 to identify, evaluate, and protect important historical and archaeological assets of the Commonwealth. Visit our website to learn more about the Commission’s programs (www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc).

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