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WCVB'S GAIL HUFF TO CONTINUE AS REPORTER

HUFF TO BALANCE CAREER AND FAMILY AS WIFE OF U.S. SENATOR-ELECT SCOTT BROWN

Boston – **NewsCenter 5's** Gail Huff is back on the streets of Boston today, doing what she's done for 16 years as a general assignment reporter at **WCVB-TV Channel 5**.

"I love my job at **NewsCenter 5**," Huff said. "It has been my professional home since 1993. I work with the greatest people in the business, and it would be difficult to leave them and my job behind." Huff added.

Huff is married to Scott Brown, who was elected to fill the seat vacated by U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy during a special election on Tuesday.

During the Senate race, Huff did not campaign with or for her husband and only appeared with him publicly on election night after the polls were closed, the race was called and the concessions were made.

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“Gail took extraordinary steps to separate her personal and private life,” said **WCVB** News Director Andrew Vrees. “There was no model for this set of circumstances in our newsroom; we are very pleased how Gail handled this difficult challenge. Protecting the solid reputation of this news organization and the people who work here is a top priority,” Vrees added.

Huff did not cover politics during the campaign, and she will not be covering them in the future.

“I love to meet people and share their stories with viewers,” Huff said. “I’ve been an impartial and unbiased journalist for 26 years. I will continue to keep my professional life completely separate from my personal life as Scott Brown’s wife.”

Both Huff and the management of **WCVB** acknowledge viewer interest in Gail’s role and journalistic impartiality. “The news management team will ensure Gail’s assignments do not present any conflict of interest or perceived conflict of interest,” said **WCVB** President and General Manager Bill Fine.

Huff is committed to focusing on her duties at **NewsCenter 5** and fulfilling her obligations to many local non-profit organizations. “My work will continue with agencies helping disabled children and adults, victims of abuse, people with Alzheimer’s and the nuns at St. Mary’s Abby in Wrentham.”

Huff will not be granting any interviews at this time, including one to **WCVB**. “Gail’s marriage to Scott provided **WCVB** no special access to Brown or his campaign. As with the election, we will cover his term as U.S. Senator both objectively and critically,” Vrees said.

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