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LARSON ANNOUNCES \$21.9 MILLION GRANT FOR ROCKY HILL VETERANS' HOME

HARTFORD ♦ U.S. Representative John B. Larson (CT-1) today announced a grant for \$21.9 million for construction of a new Veterans' Home building. These resources would procure a new, state-of-the-art, 125 bed, long-term adult care facility.

♦Our veterans have given so much to our nation and it is time for us to give back to them, ♦ said Larson. ♦They deserve the most up-to-date facilities and the highest quality of care. I ♦m pleased to announce this grant which will provide Connecticut ♦s veterans with a facility worthy of their sacrifices. This new facility is especially important with more soldiers in need of treatment returning home each day from operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. ♦

The grant was awarded as part of the State Home Program, a partnership between the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the states to construct, acquire, or renovate nursing home, domiciliary, and/or adult day health facilities. States homes, like the one in Rocky Hill, are owned and operated by the state. This grant will provide 65% of the estimated cost of the project.

Congressman Larson has continually voiced to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs his support for the facility and worked to ensure it was a top priority for the VA. This project is part of an aggressive capital improvement plan which included a \$2,990,000 federal grant announced earlier this month to replace the facility ♦s water system, which was constructed in the 1930s and caused a major water main break in 2003.

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