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LARSON: CONNECTICUT RECEIVES $5.95 MILLION TO RENOVATE VETERANS HOME

Hartford, CT- U.S. Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01) joined Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki in announcing that the State of Connecticut will receive $5.95 million dollars to renovate the State Veterans Home in Rocky Hill.

"This is great news for Connecticut's veterans," said Congressman Larson. ***"This funding will ensure that veterans, especially those who are aging and experiencing health issues, are provided with important continuum of health care services. Having fought so hard to increase veterans funding, I am very proud Secretary Shinseki and the VA have awarded this grant to upgrade the Rocky Hill facility. It will greatly benefit our veterans now and in the future."***

The federal funding for the State Veterans Home will represent 65% of the anticipated cost of renovating the 340-bed domiciliary facility.

In 2006, Congressman Larson was influential in securing a $21.9 million dollar federal grant for the construction of the Sgt. John Levitow Veterans' Health Center. Located on State Veterans Home campus, the 125-bed health residential health center offers long term care to Connecticut veterans with chronic and debilitating medical conditions.

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