

HARTFORD – Congressman John Larson (CT-01) welcomed members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) to Hartford today as the group prepares to participate in a series of events in celebration of Harriet Beecher Stowe's 200th birthday and a broader discussion on race in America.

"I am deeply honored to welcome members of the Congressional Black Caucus to Hartford this weekend to celebrate the 200th birthday of Harriet Beecher Stowe and participate in a number of important discussions on race in America," Congressman Larson said. "These events will provide a forum to continue the conversation on race Stowe began 160 years ago."

The three-day celebration, which coincides with the 40th anniversary of the formation of the Congressional Black Caucus, will highlight the impact that Stowe's book had on sparking anti-slavery sentiment in the United States. Additional activities include panel discussions on Closing the Education Achievement Gap, The Economics of Race and Health Disparities in African American communities.

CBC members attending include Chairman Emanuel Cleaver Jr. (MO-05), and Reps. Corrine Brown (FL-03), G.K. Butterfield (NC-01), William Lacy Clay Jr. (MO-01), Hank Johnson (GA-04), Gregory Meeks (NY-06), Donald Payne (NJ-10), Sheila Jackson Lee (TX-18), Jesse Jackson Jr. (IL-2) and Laura Richardson (CA-37).

All events on the following page are open to the public and all are encouraged to attend.

Members of the press who are interested in setting up interviews with specific members of the CBC throughout the three days should contact Chris Licata at (860) 539-4924.

Thursday, June 9, 2011

WHAT: Inspiration to Action Fair: Panel Discussion on "Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide."

WHEN: 3:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: Immanuel Congregation Church
Farmington Avenue at Woodland Street
Hartford, CT 06105

WHAT: Larson to host reception for CBC members.

WHEN: 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

WHERE: Artists Collective
1200 Albany Ave.
Hartford, CT 06105

Friday, June 10, 2011

WHAT: Social Justice Call to Action Forum: A Conversation on Race & Social Justice

WHEN: 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

WHERE: Bushnell Belding Theatre
166 Capitol Ave
Hartford, CT 06106

MEDIA NOTE: There will be press availability for 15 minutes following the forum from 12:30-12:45 p.m. in the third floor lobby of the Belding Theatre.

Saturday, June 11, 2011

WHAT: Harriet Beecher Stowe's 200th Birthday Community Event

WHEN: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: Harriet Beecher Stowe Center
77 Forest Street
Hartford, CT 06105

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