(*Hartford*) – Today **Congressman John B. Larson** made the following statement on Jamaica's 50th anniversary of independence:

"This week I join in honoring Jamaica's 50 years of independence," said Congressman Larson. "This is truly a significant time for Jamaica, who not only celebrated half a century of sovereignty but also saw their Olympic team bring home gold in historic fashion. I am thrilled to celebrate the rich history and tradition that Jamaica has brought to the first district, and I look forward to celebrating Jamaican culture for years to come."

This week the Jamaican flag flew over the Connecticut state capitol in honor of their independence and Jamaica's Usain Bolt became the only man in history to achieve gold in both the 100 meter and 200 meter dash in two consecutive Olympic games. Former U.S. Secretary of State **Colin Powell** and **New York Congresswoman Yvette D. Clark** were in Kingston Monday representing President Barack Obama during a celebration marking the anniversary.

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