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HARTFORD—A representative from the office of U.S. Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01) today presented the 3rd Annual Nancy Pilver Breast Cancer Prevention Heroine Award to Mim Snyder of Manchester for her relentless work on the issue of breast cancer. Whitney Moran, a legislative aide to Larson for health care issues in his Washington, D.C. office, presented the award this afternoon in place of Larson, who was unable to attend. Larson presents the award each year to a breast cancer survivor from the 1st Congressional District that is dedicated to working on the issue of breast cancer through education, prevention, treatment and awareness. The award was presented at Hartford Hospital.

The award is named for Nancy Pilver of Manchester, the State Legislative Chair of the Connecticut Breast Cancer Coalition Foundation, who was the first recipient of the award. Larson was so inspired by Pilver's story that he decided to name the award after her last year.

"Congressman Larson believes that Mim Snyder has such an extraordinarily deep sense of compassion and devotion to those who are affected by this illness," said Moran. "The efforts of Mim herself, who is a breast cancer survivor, give understanding, comfort and knowledge to the victims of breast cancer and their families. Mim is a person who cares very deeply for people, and stresses early detection to ensure that other women will never have to know the pain that she did. She has an intense commitment to this cause, and we are proud to present to her this award and hope that her devotion and dedication will inspire others to follow the same path."

For over 40 years, Mim has worked in the local Breast Cancer community promoting good breast health. She is both well respected and well known for her efforts and for her optimism. Breast Cancer touched Mim as a young child, when her mother died of the disease. The early experience with Breast Cancer raised her awareness of her susceptibility. Mim began volunteering with the American Cancer Society, and when at age 39 she was confronted with Breast Cancer, Mim faced the cancer and survived. After a successful bilateral mastectomy, she continued her work in the fight against Breast Cancer.

In this year alone, the American cancer society estimates that there will be 2,300 new cases of breast cancer diagnosed among Connecticut women. It is also estimated that 500 women will die of breast cancer in Connecticut this year. Breast cancer is the second most common cancer among women, accounting for one in three cancers diagnosed in American Women. Moran presented Snyder a citation for her work in the field of breast cancer, as well as a commemorative pin marking her distinction.

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