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WASHINGTON, D.C.- U.S. Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01) was sworn-in today for his third term in the U.S. House of Representatives by House Speaker Dennis Hastert.

"I am honored and humbled that the people of the First Congressional District have returned me to office for a third term and I am proud to continue to serve them in Congress," said Larson. "The 108th Congress has many challenges to meet and difficult choices to make in the days ahead.

"As America's pressures and concerns mount at home and throughout the world, I remain committed to fighting for the critical issues that affect all Americans. This means immediately passing an economic stimulus package that will benefit middle and low-income families and help revitalize our state's economy as well as extending unemployment benefits for those Americans still searching for work. I will also fight to provide a prescription drug benefit for seniors under Medicare, protect Social Security, invest in fuel cell technology as an alternative energy source to make America more energy independent and continue working to close the nation's digital divide.

"I will vigorously oppose passing more massive tax breaks that primarily benefit the wealthiest people and corporations, which will drive our nation further into deficit spending, straining our ability to shoulder the cost of the war on terrorism and meet our needs here at home," said Larson.

Larson was joined by his wife, Leslie, their three children, Carolyn, Laura, and Raymond, his mother Pauline Larson, three of his eight siblings; his brother Christopher and two of his sisters, Sharon and Mary.

Larson began his first term in Congress in January of 1999, succeeding Congresswoman Barbara Kennelly who served from 1981 until 1999. Other recent Connecticut First District Representatives include William R. Cotter (1971-1981), Emilio Q. Daddario (1959-1971), Edwin H. May, Jr. (1957-1959), Thomas J. Dodd (1953-1957) and Abraham A. Ribicoff (1949-1953).

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