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**JOHN MCCARTHY OF WOODBURY ANNOUNCES PLANS
TO RUN FOR 32ND STATE SENATE DISTRICT**

Woodbury, CT, February 8, 2008 - John McCarthy, former diplomat who has lived in Woodbury since 1996, is announcing his intention to run for the Democratic nomination for the 32nd State Senate Seat, which will be up for election on November 4, 2008.

Mr. McCarthy stated that “I am running for the 32nd State Senate seat because I am concerned about the issues facing our district’s residents. Most critical are rising property taxes and the increase in gasoline and home heating costs, especially for seniors on fixed incomes or young people just starting out. Some of my key goals as state senator will be to preserve the occupational and age diversity of our towns by pressuring the state to assume a fair share of school and other town costs; provide property tax credits for all seniors to keep them in their homes; facilitate home mortgages for young families; and attract high tech industry to provide new and better jobs. Additionally, I will work to expand affordable health care coverage. And, most importantly, I will seek to guarantee smart growth for our towns to keep them livable and sustainable, all the while protecting our water and natural resources.”

Mr. McCarthy has over thirty years experience as a career diplomat, during which he honed his problem-solving, negotiating, consensus-building, and results-oriented skills. Some of his most notable career experiences have included serving as the American Ambassador to Lebanon from 1988 to 1990, near the end of that country’s civil war, and as American Ambassador to Tunisia, where he negotiated with Yasser Arafat and other Palestinian leaders. Also noteworthy is that John McCarthy has championed many worthwhile causes. As a volunteer, he served as a trustee for Save the Children in Westport, presently teaches fifth graders in a troubled part of Waterbury, and is a patient representative at Waterbury Hospital.

Residents in Bethlehem, Bridgewater, Middlebury, Oxford, Roxbury, Seymour, Southbury, Thomaston, Watertown and Woodbury who are interested in learning more about John McCarthy and opportunities to support his candidacy should visit www.friendsofjohnmccarthy.com or contact Campaign Manager Sharon Sherman at (203) 266-9051 or at sharon@shermtech.com .

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