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# John McCarthy

*... Democrat for change in the 32nd State Senate District!*

**Press Release from the “Friends of John McCarthy” Committee**

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### JOHN MCCARTHY UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED AT DEMOCRATIC 32<sup>ND</sup> STATE SENATE CONVENTION

**Woodbury, CT, May 20, 2008** – John McCarthy, veteran diplomat, humanitarian agency director and community service volunteer, was unanimously approved by the Democratic State Senate Convention in Southbury Monday night to be the Democratic standard bearer for the 32<sup>nd</sup> state senate district race.

Southbury Democratic Town Chair Drew Morten nominated McCarthy citing his exemplary service to his country, state, district and family. Further, Morten asserted that he brings the very qualities at this point in time that would serve the district and state well. Additional seconding nominations came from Jane DeVries of Woodbury and Denise Russ of Watertown, echoing Morten’s sentiments that John McCarthy has the precise skills at the precise time needed by our district and state.

The convention’s unanimous endorsement was accepted by McCarthy, whereupon he called for the state legislature to address three broad needs, namely taxation, which is driving young people to leave Connecticut, energy costs in the form of gasoline and home heating costs and the business climate in Connecticut, which is losing its competitive edge. He remarked, “Connecticut is a beautiful state, and we need to think through policies that would bring new and high tech industries to Connecticut, as well as provide young people with jobs that match their skills.” McCarthy further worried that the state needs to figure out what it truly wants and then initiate a plan on how to accomplish its goals. He continued that he believes his real strength is that his bipartisan message appeals to not only Democrats, but also to Unaffiliated and Republican voters.

A Woodbury resident, McCarthy has served for more than three decades in the U.S. Foreign Service and State Department, including tenures as U.S. ambassador to Tunisia and to Lebanon, deputy chief of mission in the U.S. embassy in Pakistan, deputy assistant secretary of state for public affairs and economic counselor at the U.S. mission to the European Union. Community and volunteer involvement include serving as a trustee for Save the Children USA and chairman of the International Save the Children Alliance and currently serving as a board member on the World Affairs Council in Hartford, as well as volunteering at Waterbury Hospital and the Children’s Community School in Waterbury. He and his wife, Marija, have three grown children.

Note: Towns in the 32<sup>nd</sup> State Senate District include Bethlehem, Bridgewater, Middlebury, Oxford, Roxbury Seymour, Southbury, Thomaston, Watertown and Woodbury. Those seeking additional information may call campaign manager Sharon Sherman at (203) 266-9051 or visit [www.friendsofjohnmccarthy.com](http://www.friendsofjohnmccarthy.com).

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