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SECRETARY OF THE STATE PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM PAYS TRIBUTE TO CONNECTICUT'S WORLD WAR II VETERANS

WOODBURY: Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz today honored more than 50 World War II veterans from Woodbury during a Public Service Awards ceremony at Nonnewaug High School on Tuesday March 10, 2009. The Woodbury ceremony marks the 86th Public Service Award presentation to veterans of World War II by the Office of the Secretary of the State, and the first following a brief winter hiatus.

“After summoning the courage to defeat tyranny, our World War II veterans had the courage and strength to change our country for the better,” Bysiewicz said, “They did it without great fanfare – without seeking recognition – never asking to be honored. Today we salute them as the greatest generation.”

Secretary Bysiewicz presented each veteran with an award in recognition of their service during the Second World War and invited the veterans to share their stories with friends and family attending the event. The Woodbury Public Service Awards ceremony took place Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. at Nonnewaug High School, 5 Minortown Road in Woodbury.

Tuesday's event is part of an on-going effort by the Secretary of the State's Office to recognize volunteers and public servants. The Office of the Secretary of the State Public Service Awards Program began in 2001. Since then, the office has honored more than 16,000 people in Connecticut for their commitment to public service, including elected officials, professional firefighters, volunteer coaches, community and youth volunteers, board and commission members, emergency service workers and elections officials.