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U.S. REPRESENTATIVE JOHN LARSON (D-CT) RECEIVES GOODWILL® POLICYMAKER AWARD

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WASHINGTON, DC — Goodwill Industries International is pleased to honor U.S. Rep. John Larson (D-CT) as a recipient of one of its 2017 Goodwill Policymaker Awards. The awards recognize federal lawmakers who have shown strong support for Goodwill's public policy priorities.

Rep. Larson was nominated by Easter Seals Goodwill Industries (North Haven, CT) for his ongoing efforts to enhance job creation through federal programs. With so many Americans calling on Congress to prioritize job creation, Rep. Larson is heeding the call. He recently fought to end the enrollment freeze at Goodwill's Job Corps Academies and also voted against legislation that would have been negative for workers in Connecticut.

"Representative Larson supports all the Goodwill issues and the people we serve," said Richard Borer,

president of Easter Seals Goodwill Industries of North Haven. “He has been supportive of our efforts to find ways to transition Goodwill program participants through our various programs to ensure continued resources for them and their families.”

The awards were announced on Wednesday, April 5 during a reception at the U.S. Capitol, as part of Goodwill’s annual advocacy event.

ABOUT EASTER SEALS GOODWILL INDUSTRIES: Easter Seals Goodwill Industries is a progressive, community-based organization based in North Haven, CT, committed to its mission to enhance employment, educational, social and recreational opportunities for people with disabilities and other challenges in the greater New Haven area. For more information, please visit www.eastersealsgoodwill.org or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

ABOUT GOODWILL INDUSTRIES INTERNATIONAL: Goodwill Industries International (GII) is a network of 162 community-based, autonomous organizations in the United States and Canada with a presence in 13 other countries. GII is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that is recognized by GuideStar with its Platinum Seal of Approval, the organization’s highest rating for charities. GII was also ranked by Enso as the #1 brand doing the most good in the world, and was the only nonprofit brand rated in Forbes’ 20 most inspiring companies for three consecutive years. Local Goodwill organizations are innovative and sustainable social enterprises that create job training programs, employment placement and other community-based programs by selling donated clothing and household items in more than 3,200 stores collectively and online at shopgoodwill.com®. Local Goodwill organizations also build revenue and create jobs by contracting with businesses and government to provide a wide range of commercial services, including packaging and assembly, food services preparation, and document imaging and shredding. Last year, local Goodwill organizations collectively placed 313,000 people in employment in the United States and Canada. In addition, more than 34 million people used

computers and mobile devices to access Goodwill education, training, mentoring and online learning services to strengthen their skills. To learn more, visit goodwill.org.

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