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STATE REPRESENTATIVE KEENAN WELCOMES CHAIRMAN NAUGHTON JOINT COMMITTEE ON VETERANS & FEDERAL AFFAIRS TO ADDRESS SALEM VETERANS

SALEM - State Representative John D. Keenan (D- Salem) welcomes Chairman Harold Naughton (D- Clinton), Chairman of the Joint Committee on Veterans & Federal Affairs to the Salem VFW on Thursday, October 1st at 10am. The VFW is located at 95 Derby Street in Salem. This meeting is open to the public and all veterans are encouraged to attend.

“As a veteran himself, Chairman Naughton, a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve who served for a year in the Central Criminal Court of Iraq, has been a zealous advocate for the rights and benefits of all of our service men and women,” Representative Keenan said. “It is an honor to welcome him to Salem.”

Rep. Keenan is a strong supporter of veterans and legislation which supports veterans. During the last session, Representative Keenan was a primary sponsor of the Welcome Home Bill and in particular the leading sponsor of the provision that awarded \$1,000.00 to Veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan. During this session, Representative Keenan has co-sponsored nine Acts relative to Veterans, including an Act relative to sales and excise tax exemptions for disabled veterans, an Act to increasing medical care for veterans, a Resolve to establish a special commission to evaluate the status of Massachusetts

veterans long term care services, and an Act relative to disabled veteran and handicapped parking.

Chairman Naughton will discuss current veteran's affairs and legislation. As a member of the House of Representatives since 1995, Chairman Naughton joined with the United States Army Reserve after the events of September 11, 2001, feeling to need to further serve his country. He currently serves as a Captain with the Judge Advocate General's Corps and he volunteered for a tour of active duty serving in Kuwait and Baghdad, Iraq, deployed from September, 2005 until May, 2006.

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