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Veterans Day on the Hill “Rally in the Rotunda”

Event: Veterans Day on the Hill, “Rally in the Rotunda”

Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2007

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Location: Minnesota State Capitol Rotunda

St. Paul—Tuesday, January 30, 2007, will be Veterans Day on the Hill. At 12:30 p.m. in the State Capitol Rotunda, Minnesota veterans will be rallying to support the Military and Veterans Support Package. Governor Tim Pawlenty and legislative leaders from both the Senate and the House will be there to address veterans and their families.

“I invite Minnesota’s veterans community to turnout and show their support for this veterans legislation,” announced Commissioner Clark Dyrud. “It is important that while so many of our military brothers and sisters are serving in harm’s way, they know that we are working hard here at home to take care of their families. It is time to stand together and make Minnesota the most veteran friendly state in the nation.”

The \$74.8 million Military and Veterans Support Package announced by Governor Pawlenty in early January, includes a 100% exemption from state income tax for military pay and pensions. Besides tax benefits there are twenty-two additional initiatives including the expansion of education benefits, the reintegration program, the State Soldier Assistance Program, Communication and Outreach initiatives, and the Higher Education Campus Veterans Offices program. The State Veterans Cemetery and Veterans Service Organizations will also receive additional funding in this legislative package.

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