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Coat Drive to Help Veterans a Huge Success!

BOSTON, MA, January 10, 2012 —State Representative Jeffrey Sánchez (D— Jamaica Plain) and Department of Veterans Services (DVS) Secretary Coleman Nee hosted a successful state employee driven coat drive to benefit the New England Center for Homeless Veterans from November 16, 2011 to December 16, 2011.

In its inaugural year, many coats were collected to be distributed to veterans around the Commonwealth. The need has never been greater due to the state of our current economic climate. This coat drive is a way of honoring the men and women who have served in the American armed forces and paid the ultimate price for their loyalty and dedication.

“I am very pleased that many of my colleagues participated in this recent coat drive; we are able to collect many coats for veterans around our Commonwealth. This coat drive lets our veterans know that we truly appreciate their service to our country,” said Representative Sánchez.

Secretary Coleman Nee added, “Taking care of our veterans, especially those that are experiencing homelessness, is a community-wide responsibility and I applaud Representative Sánchez for organizing this coat drive and supporting our veterans during the holidays and all year long.”

Andy McCawley, New England Center for Homeless Veterans President and CEO also stated that, “With the harsh New England winter weather upon us, the veterans we serve are grateful to the state employees for providing these warm winter coats and I thank, Representative Sánchez and Secretary Nee for their leadership in sponsoring this much needed drive.”

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