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**BYSIEWICZ HONORS MORE THAN 1,300 ELECTION WORKERS
FROM 24 TOWNS AT PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD CEREMONY**

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION GIVEN TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED FOR
MORE THAN 50 YEARS!**

Hartford: Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz was joined at a Public Service Awards ceremony at Central Connecticut State University today - Thursday March 29th - by State Sen. Paul Doyle, Portland 1st Selectwoman Susan Bransfield, WFSB Channel 3 News Anchor Mike Hydeck, and Registrars of Voters from across the region to honor more than 1,300 Election Day volunteers.

“You are the unsung heroes of our democracy,” Bysiewicz told the crowd. “The most basic right of citizenship is the right to vote and you make it easier for people to do that. Some of you have volunteered on Election Day for 5 years, others for more than 65. Connecticut owes each and every one of you its thanks.”

The Secretary of the State’s Office paid tribute and offered personalized certificates for the 1,300 poll workers from Connecticut’s 1st Congressional District, including the towns of Barkhamsted, Bristol, East Granby, Glastonbury, Hartland, Portland, South Windsor, Winchester, Berlin, Colebrook, East Hartford, Granby, Manchester, Rocky Hill, West Hartford, Windsor,

Bloomfield, Cromwell, East Windsor, Hartford, Newington, Southington, Wethersfield, and Windsor Locks.

Thursday's event is part of an on-going effort by the Secretary of the State's office to recognize volunteers and public servants. "We began our Public Service Awards Program in 2001 when we honored city and town officials with 20 years or more experience," explained Bysiewicz. "Since then, we have honored more than 16,000 people in Connecticut for their commitment to public service, including professional firefighters, volunteer firefighters, volunteer coaches and assistant coaches, community volunteers, youth volunteers, volunteer board members and commission members, and volunteer emergency service workers."

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