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**TO: ALL STATE AGENCY COMMISSIONERS**  
**FROM: M. JODI RELL, GOVERNOR**  
**DATE: JANUARY 4, 2010**  
**RE: NOMINATIONS - CITIZEN SERVICE ABOVE SELF HONORS**

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All of us know someone – a friend, neighbor, co-worker or family member – who has demonstrated a selfless act of bravery for the well-being of fellow residents. Their stories of heroism are remarkable and awe-inspiring and now we have the special opportunity to nominate them for a prestigious national recognition they truly deserve.

The Congressional Medal of Honor Society and the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation have asked me to submit nominations of Connecticut citizens for the Citizen Service Above Self Honors award. Those eligible for the nomination are ordinary American citizens, who without expectation of fame or reward, have placed others before them in some extraordinarily courageous way.

Quite simply, they are seeking the names of civilians from Connecticut – living or deceased – who exhibited a singular act of bravery within the last three years. The three unsung American citizens from across the country who will receive this award in 2010 will be selected because they clearly represent the values of courage, sacrifice and selfless service that have made them heroes among us. I am confident there are many from Connecticut worthy of consideration.

Therefore, I am asking you to forward to me the names of individuals in your respective communities who we should nominate for the 2010 Citizen Service Above Self Honors award with the appropriate supporting information. Nominations must be submitted to the Congressional Medal of Honor Society and Foundation by Friday, February 12, 2010, with the ceremony taking place on March 25 in the shadow of the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.

Along with this letter I am including background information on nomination criteria. You can also visit their website at [www.CitizenServiceAboveSelfHonors.org](http://www.CitizenServiceAboveSelfHonors.org) for more details. In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact my office.

Let's show the selection panel and the entire country that we have some of the most amazing people residing in Connecticut who epitomize what it means to be a true American hero.

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