



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

M. JODI RELL
GOVERNOR

February 8, 2008

Dear Parents and students:

One of the most exciting days of the entire school year – Valentine’s Day – is right around the corner and I know our school-aged children are busy making sure their Valentine’s Day cards are just right.

As they settled down to craft these special “masterpieces” I want to ask for a small favor. I would like your assistance in honoring Connecticut’s veterans. At present, there are more than 600 veterans who either reside or are patients at the Connecticut Veterans Home in Rocky Hill, the VA Connecticut Healthcare System facility in West Haven, and the VA Connecticut Healthcare System facility in Newington. These brave men and women have proudly served their country and they are true heroes.

As a way of honoring our veterans while providing an opportunity for our children to learn more about the contributions these men and women have made to their country, I am asking all the elementary school children in our great state to make an extra Valentine’s Day card or two for our veterans. The effort and care our young students will put into these cards will be more than matched by the smiles they will bring to the faces of our veterans.

If you wish to join me in honoring these men and women, you can send your children’s Valentine’s Day card to the following:

Connecticut Veterans Home
Department of Veterans’ Affairs
287 West Street
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

VA Connecticut Healthcare System – West Haven Campus
950 Campbell Avenue
West Haven, CT 06516

VA Connecticut Healthcare System – Newington Campus
555 Willard Avenue
Newington, CT 06111

Thank you very much for helping share some of the Valentine’s Day spirit and excitement with our veterans.

Sincerely,

M. Jodi Rell
Governor