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West Hartford's Guenter Appointed to State Commission on Aging

WEST HARTFORD—Local resident Raymond A. Guenter has been appointed by Speaker of the House James A. Amann (D-Milford) to a four-year term on the Connecticut Commission on Aging, the independent state agency that serves as an advocate for Connecticut's present and future generations of older adults.

Guenter, a retired executive vice president and general counsel of Shawmut National Corp. and its predecessor companies, is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Syracuse University and earned his law degree from Harvard Law School.

He is a former member of the adjunct faculty of the University of Connecticut School of Law and currently a member of the faculty at the Boston University School of Law Morin Center for Banking and Financial Law Studies. He served two tours of duty in the U.S. Army.

"As Connecticut's population of older adults soars, the issues and challenges facing them become more complex," said Amann. "The Connecticut Commission on Aging plays an increasingly vital role in helping the General Assembly map out a course for the future and its work will be helped immeasurably by a person of Ray Guenter's knowledge and experience."

"Important and sometimes difficult decisions will need to be made over the next several years to effectively address issues affecting older adults," said Connecticut Commission on Aging Executive Director Julia Evans Starr. "Ray Guenter's passion for this work, along with his impressive credentials and experience, strengthen our board and will help position it for the hard work that lies ahead."

Guenter and his wife Doris Honig Guenter, director emeritus of the Women's Center at Central Connecticut State University, have lived in West Hartford for more than 30 years.

The Connecticut Commission on Aging, based at the state Capitol, was established by the legislature in 1993 to give older adults a stronger voice within state government on issues including health care, long-term care, nutrition, housing, employment, transportation, legal assistance and economic security. The commission's 17 voting members are appointed by the governor or members of the General Assembly. Its 16 ex officio members include state legislators and commissioners from several state departments.