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****Governor's Public Schedule****

For Tuesday, January 29, 2008

CHICAGO – On Tuesday, January 29th, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich will join Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA) Director Tammy Duckworth, Illinois Healthcare and Family Services Director Barry Maram, Major General William Enyart, Dr. Felise Zollman, and local veterans to launch the Illinois Warrior Assistance Program at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. The Illinois Warrior Assistance Program is a first in the nation program that will screen returning Illinois National Guard members for a traumatic brain injury (TBI) while offering TBI screening to all Illinois veterans, and a 24-hour toll-free psychological helpline for veterans suffering from symptoms associated with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

WHO: Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich
Illinois State Senator Kwame Raoul
Director Tammy Duckworth, Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs
Director Barry Maram, Illinois Department of Health and Family Services
Major General William Enyart, Adjutant General, Illinois National Guard
Dr. Felise Zollman, Medical Director of the Brain Injury Program at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago
Philicia Deckard, Exec. Director, Brain Injury Association of Illinois
Dr. Joan Anzia, Illinois Psychiatric Society
Local veterans

WHAT: The Governor will join Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs Director Tammy Duckworth to launch the Illinois Warrior Assistance Program.

WHEN: 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago
(2nd Floor - Heyworth Room)
345 E. Superior Street
Chicago, IL 60611