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U.S. REP. LEONARD LANCE (R-07) TO ADDRESS JERSEY BOYS STATE

Alumnus to Speak on First Night of College-Level Seminar

TRENTON, NJ – U.S. Rep. Leonard Lance (R-07) will address nearly 1,000 rising high school seniors on Sunday, June 19, at American Legion Jersey Boys State (ALJBS). The event will take place at Rider University's Alumni Gym at 7:30 PM.

"Boys State has helped mold countless young people into leaders in their families, churches and communities," U.S. Rep. Lance said. "I am pleased to be returning to Boys State to speak about public service and the future of the Nation. I'm always impressed by the young men I meet and I look forward to speaking with this year's group."

Lance attended Jersey Boys State as a delegate in 1969 and is just one of several leaders consistently returning to ALJBS. He will speak to the students, referred to as statesmen, who come from more than 325 communities across the state.

"Congressman Lance inspires the students of Jersey Boys State each year," David Bagatelle, Director of ALJBS, said. "We look forward to hearing his message of patriotism and public service on the first night of Jersey Boys State's 71st session."

About U.S. Rep. Leonard Lance

U.S. Rep. Leonard Lance is currently serving his fourth term in Congress and was first elected to the United States House of Representatives in 2008. He represents New Jersey's 7th Congressional District which includes parts of Essex, Morris, Somerset, Union, and Warren counties in addition to the entirety of Hunterdon County. Before Lance's election to Congress, he was a New Jersey State Senator from 2002 to 2009. In State Senate, he held the position of Minority Leader from 2004 to 2008. Prior to then, Lance served in the New Jersey Assembly from 1991 to 2002. Lance resides in Clinton Township with his wife.

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About American Legion Jersey Boys State (ALJBS)

In its 71st year, ALJBS is a week-long experience that educates and motivates New Jersey's youth so that each statesman may become a citizen leader dedicated to service, respect, and Americanism. Together, the delegates form the mythical "51st" state of the union each year, where they elect their own local, state, and national representatives. Activities at ALJBS include legislative sessions, general assemblies, court proceedings, athletics, band, and career seminars, among many others. All expenses associated with attending ALJBS are typically donated by a sponsoring American Legion Post, a local business, or a community-based organization. To learn more, please visit aljbs.org.