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Mason City Leaders Attend Congressional Conference

MASON CITY—A delegation representing Mason City attended Congressman Latham's Iowa Community Conference 2005 in Washington, DC this week. Mayor Jean Marinos, Jim Marinos, Chamber Executive Robin Anderson, and Dan Culhane and Angie Determan of the Mason City Economic Development Corporation, met with other community leaders from the 4th Congressional District to learn more about federal issues impacting North Iowa.

Conference topics included rural economic development, renewable energy, telecommunications and broadband, tools for fighting the meth problem, and identifying grant resources.

Congressman Latham also arranged for the group to hear keynote addresses from Senator Chuck Grassley, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, and U.S. Representative John Boehner who serves as chair of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

In addition, the group met in individual sessions with staff members from the offices of Senator Grassley, Senator Harkin, Congressman Latham, and Congressman

Nussle to discuss local issues including federal funding sources for renewable energy initiatives, the 19th Street overpass project, and the Park Inn renovation.

In January 2006, the Chamber will lead its 4th annual trip to Washington, DC seeking federal assistance for local programs and projects.

A delegation of community leaders from Osage also attended the three-day conference.

