



NATIONAL EDUCATION GOALS PANEL

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REP. DOUGLAS JONES HONORED FOR SUPPORTING EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Goals Panel Member Recognized for Outstanding Contributions to Education Improvement

WASHINGTON, D.C. – State Representative Douglas R. Jones (R-ID) will receive recognition from the College Board for his commitment to quality education when the National Conference of State Legislatures convenes in San Antonio, Texas, on August 14th. Rep. Jones will be among 43 state lawmakers from 27 states who will be honored.

Rep. Jones, who has been an active member of the National Education Goals Panel since 1994, will be honored for his steadfast and exemplary support for educational excellence, access and equity on behalf of students all across the nation. Jones has championed education reform efforts and was nominated for the College Board salute for his outstanding contributions and leadership on the National Education Goals Panel. Through his commitment to education more children are being educated to high standards and have a greater chance of achieving their full potential.

"Improving our schools is a vital investment for our state and the nation. Helping our students achieve high standards, must be a priority," said Rep. Jones. "I am excited about the College Board salute and will stay committed to helping to develop and implement those policies and practices that will benefit all our students in Idaho and across America."

Founded in 1990, the College Board is a nonprofit membership association dedicated to preparing and connecting students to colleges and opportunities. The College Board serves students and parents through programs such as the Advanced Placement Program (AP). Improving performance on the AP examination is one of the indicators for Student Achievement, which is Goal Three of the eight National Education Goals.

"I am delighted that Rep. Jones is receiving this well deserved recognition," said Gov. Frank O'Bannon (D-IN), the panel's chair. "Goals Panel members play a lead role in the education reform movement and Rep. Jones continues to engage in the implementation of successful policies and practices that will improve schools in Idaho and, by extension, our nation."

About the National Education Goals Panel

Created in July 1990, the National Education Goals Panel is a bipartisan body consisting of an equal number of Republicans and Democrats from the federal and state levels of government. The Panel is made up of eight governors, four members of Congress, four state legislators and two members appointed by the President. The eight National Education Goals call for greater levels of: student achievement; high school completion; teacher education and professional development; parental participation in the schools; adult literacy and lifelong learning; and safe, disciplined, and alcohol-and-drug-free schools. The Goals also call for all children to be ready to learn by the time they start school and for US students to be first in the world in mathematics and science achievement.

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