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Harkin Announces Iowa Weekend Schedule

Events will complement 'In the Footsteps of History Tour'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) today announced several events in Iowa this weekend designed to complement a <u>summer tour</u> announced earlier this month. A full list of his public events follows.

Senator Harkin will present Officer Vern Jefferson of the Marshalltown Police Department with the U.S. Department of Justice Congressional Badge of Bravery for his work in detaining suspects who were robbing the Lenox Employees Credit Union. Officer Jefferson was shot in the line of duty while apprehending suspects. Following the award presentation, Harkin will host a roundtable discussion with key law enforcement officials. Participants may include: Ken Runde, U.S. Marshal, Northern District of Iowa; Mike Bladel, U.S. Marshal, Southern District of Iowa; Nick Klinefeldt, U.S. Attorney, Southern District; Chief Mike Tupper, Marshalltown PD; Sheriff Ted Kamatchus, Marshall County; Sheriff Paul Fitzgerald, Story County, Sheriff Bill McCarthy, Polk County; and Dale Woolery, Associate Director, Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP).

Senator Harkin has been a national leader in funding the Byrne JAG program throughout his career. The program provides critical dollars to non-metropolitan law enforcement to fund a number of innovative treatment and court programs to promote drug treatment.

6:00 P.M. Main Street Iowa Dinner

Location: Community Choice Convention Center

Second Floor Ballroom

833 5th Avenue

Des Moines, Iowa 50309

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