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VAN HOLLEN INSPIRES BADGER BOYS STATERS TO BE GREAT LEADERS AND TO IMPLEMENT POSITIVE CHANGES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES

(RIPON, WI) Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen addressed the 833 young men attending the 2009 session of Badger Boys State last night and called upon them to be great leaders who would return to their communities better prepared to lead. Van Hollen was the keynote speaker during last night's session and spoke on "Building Leadership for Tomorrow."

"There are those who want the prestige of being a leader, and there are those who want to be great leaders," said Van Hollen. "It is important to focus on the latter and be a leader with strong character and a vision to implement positive outcomes. In order to succeed as a leader, it is also important to surround yourself with a high quality team who shares your vision and can help your ideas succeed."

Van Hollen commended the citizens of Badger Boys State on the honor of being selected to be a Badger Boys Stater and recognized the many achievements that they have already accomplished in their home towns.

"You are this state's future leaders and our great hope," said Van Hollen. "In the years to come, many of you are going to be in leadership positions choosing the direction of

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this great state and country. Remember the important principles you learn this week at Badger Boys State. You have been given an opportunity to make tremendous contacts this week with your fellow citizens and the outstanding counseling staff, friendship that will last a lifetime. They can help you maximize your potential as a leader.”

Van Hollen also administered the oath of office to the 27 newly elected Mayors of Badger Boys State and the 16 officers of the State Patrol.

Photos from this evening’s Badger Boys State session are available on the Badger Boys State website at badgerboysstate.com/pr/vanhollen.

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