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AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE OF VIRGINIA HOSTS STATEWIDE OFFICIALS THIS WEEK

RADFORD -- The 2015 session of American Legion Boys State of Virginia opened on Sunday at Radford University with 644 high school students in attendance. "Our program this year again includes as speakers all statewide elected officials -- the governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general -- each speaking over the next three days as well as many other state and local officials," said Ike Kelley, Director of American Legion Boys State of Virginia.

Outstanding rising seniors from high schools -- both public and private -- across Virginia have been chosen to participate in this annual educational program. Boys State, sponsored by the American Legion in each state, is designed to instruct select high school students about state and local government. Delegates to this intensive week-long session hear addresses from various state and local officials including the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, two Cabinet Secretaries, five members of the General Assembly, a state prosecutor and three local officials. All delegates are assigned to one of sixteen Boys State cities named after famous military leaders, like Eisenhower, MacArthur, and Patton. Each of the Boys State citizens will also be assigned to either of the fictitious political parties -- Federalist or Nationalist -- for purposes of nominating and electing candidates for mayor of each city, the Boys State legislature, attorney general, lieutenant governor and governor along with various other state and local offices.

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PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS AT THE 2015 SESSION OF AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE OF VIRGINIA AT RADFORD UNIVERSITY

TUESDAY, JUNE 23:

1:15 p.m. -- "The Office of Attorney General" -- The Honorable Mark R. Herring, Attorney General of Virginia

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24:

10:00 a.m. -- "The Office of Lieutenant Governor" -- The Honorable Ralph S. Northam, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia

THURSDAY, JUNE 25:

11:30 a.m. -- "The Office of Governor" -- The Honorable Terence R. McAuliffe, Governor of Virginia

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