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69 County Town Hall Meetings to Focus on Small Town Tourism

COTTONWOOD FALLS - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced his ninth annual Big First Listening Tour with stops planned in all 69 counties of the First Congressional District. This year's tour will emphasize the importance of small town tourism, with many of the stops planned at historical and tourist sites. "Rediscovering Kansas" will help focus on building awareness for Kansas tourism sites throughout the First District.

The annual listening tour provides Moran with an opportunity to meet personally with Kansans to discuss their concerns and problems, and to receive instructions on what he should focus upon in Congress.

"I am eager to begin my annual listening tour in order to discuss the issues important to Kansans and receive my marching orders," Moran said. "This year's tour will serve a dual purpose as I also help to showcase the many tourist treasures that Kansas has to offer. By helping people to 'rediscover Kansas,' we can bring to light the efforts of those that work to preserve and protect the history and individuality of our state."

The tour begins on Monday, April 18, in Cottonwood Falls and concludes on August 19 in Goodland. All events are open to the media and the public. During the tour, Moran will travel more than 5,000 miles and meet with thousands of Kansans. A full schedule follows.

Ninth Annual Big First Listening Tour Schedule:

Monday, April 18

Chase County, Cottonwood Falls- 8:30-9:30 a.m.- Grand Central Hotel and Grill, 215 Broadway

Greenwood County, Madison- 10:30-11:30 a.m.- Madison Historical Society, 3rd and Boone

Lyon County, Reading- 12:30-1:30 p.m.- Reading Civic Building, 615 First Street

Wabaunsee County, Harveyville- 2:30-3:30 p.m.- Harveyville Seed Company, 100 N. Main

Friday, April 22

Nemaha County, Seneca- 9:30-10:30 a.m.- Nemaha Co. Historical Museum, 6th and Nemaha

Marshall County, Marysville- 11:00-12:00 a.m.- Koester House Museum, 919 Broadway

Washington County, Barnes- 12:30-1:30 p.m.- Our Daily Bread, 23 N. Center Street

Cloud County, Concordia- 2:30-3:30 p.m.- Brown Grand Theatre, 310 W. 6th Street

Monday, April 25

Ottawa County, Minneapolis- 4:00-5:00 p.m.- Ottawa County Museum, 110 S. Concord

Tuesday, April 26

Geary County, Milford- 8:15-9:15 a.m.- Milford Nature Center, 3115 Hatchery Drive

Friday, April 29

Saline County, Salina- 9:00-10:00 a.m.- Smoky Hill Vineyards and Winery, 212 W. Golf Link Road

Saturday, April 30

Hodgeman County, Hanston- 8:00-9:00 a.m.- United Methodist Church, Logan and Monroe

Finney County, Garden City- 10:30-11:30 a.m.- KBUF Tent, 3-I Show

Monday, May 2

Clay County, Longford- 3:30-4:30 p.m.- Longford Water Company, 108 Main Street

Tuesday, May 3

Morris County, Council Grove- 8:30-9:30 a.m.-COE Lake Office, Corps of Engineers Office, 945 Lake Rd.

Friday, May 6

Republic County, Belleville- 10:00-11:00 a.m.- High Banks Hall of Fame, 1204 F Street

* Time changed from original schedule

Jewell County, Mankato- 11:30-12:30 a.m.- Jewell County Historical Society, 200 N. Commercial

Smith County, Kensington- 1:30-3:00 p.m.- Kensington Community Store, Main Street

Phillips County, Phillipsburg- 3:30-4:30 p.m.- Huck Boyd Center, 680 Park Street

Saturday, May 14

Trego County, Ogallah- 10:00-11:00 a.m.- Bert's Corner Bait and Tackle Shop, Cedar Bluff Lake

Saturday, May 21

Ellis County, Victoria- 10:00-11:00 a.m.- Cathedral of the Plains, 900 Cathedral Avenue

Saturday, May 28

Rice County, Lyons- 9:30-10:30 a.m.- Coronado Quivira Museum, 105 W. Lyon Street

Tuesday, May 31

Reno County, Hutchinson- 3:30-4:30 p.m.- Dillon Nature Center, 3002 E. 30th Avenue

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Wednesday, June 1

Marion County, Goessel- 8:30-9:30 a.m.- Mennonite Heritage Museum, 200 N. Poplar

McPherson County, Lindsborg- 10:00-11:00 a.m.- Sandzen Gallery, 401 N. 1st Street

Thursday, June 2

Sheridan County, Studley- 8:30-9:30 a.m.- Cottonwood Ranch, Hwy. 24, RR 1, Box 57M

Decatur County, Oberlin- 10:30-11:30 a.m.- Landmark Inn, 189 S. Penn

Norton County, Norton- 12:30-1:30 p.m.- Gallery of Also-Rans, 105 West Main Street

Graham County, Nicodemus- 2:30-3:30 p.m.- National Historic Site, 510 Washington Avenue

Friday, June 3

Lane County, Dighton- 9:30-10:30 a.m.- Lane Co. Historical Museum, 333 N. Main

Scott County, Scott City- 11:00- 12:00 a.m.- El Quartejejo Museum, 902 W. 5th Street

Saturday, June 4

Ness County, Ness City- 8:30-9:30 a.m.- Ness County Bank Building

Tuesday, June 7

Dickinson County, Abilene- 8:00-9:00 a.m.- Greyhound Hall of Fame, 407 S. Buckeye

Saturday, June 11

Edwards County, Kinsley- 10:00-11:00 a.m.- Carnival Hall, 200 E. 6th

Saturday, June 18

Rooks County, Stockton- 10:00-11:00 a.m.- Carnegie Library, N. Cedar Street

Saturday, June 25

Logan County, Oakley- 12:30-1:30 p.m.- Fick Fossil and History Museum, 700 W. 3rd

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Tuesday, July 5

Kiowa County, Greensburg- 1:30-2:30 p.m.- Big Well, 315 S. Sycamore

Ford County, Dodge City- 3:30-4:30 p.m.- Boot Hill Museum, Boot Hill and Front Street

Wednesday July 6

Clark County, Ashland- 9:00-10:00 a.m.- Pioneer-Krier Museum, 430 W. 4th

Comanche County, Coldwater- 10:30-11:30 a.m.- Comanche Co. Historical Museum, 105 W. Main

Barber County, Medicine Lodge- 12:30-1:30 p.m.- People's Bank, Sunflower Room, 121 S. Main

Pratt County, Pratt- 2:00-3:00 p.m.- Kansas Dept. of Wildlife and Parks, 512 SE 25th Avenue

Thursday, July 7

CANCELLED - Barton County, Great Bend- 9:00-10:00 a.m.- Cheyenne Bottoms Headquarters, 56 NE 40 Rd.

Stafford County, Seward- 11:00-12:00 a.m.- Mom's Bar and Grill, 420 Lincoln Avenue

Pawnee County, Larned- 12:30-1:30 p.m.- Ft. Larned National Historic Site, RR 3

Rush County, La Crosse- 2:15-3:15 p.m.- Barbed Wire Museum, 120 W. 1st Street

Friday, July 8

Russell County, Lucas- 9:00-10:00 a.m.- Grassroots Arts Center, 213 S. Main

Lincoln County, Lincoln- 10:30-11:30 a.m.- Kyne House Museum, 220 W. Lincoln

Mitchell County, Glen Elder- 12:30-1:30 p.m.- Hopewell Church, Glen Elder State Park

Osborne County, Alton- 2:30-3:30 p.m.- Gwen's Hometown Cafe, 2nd and Mill Street

Sunday, July 17

Gove County, Grinnell- 12:30-1:30 p.m.- Adams Street

Saturday, July 30

Ellsworth County, Wilson- 8:30-9:30 a.m.- Al's Bar and Grill, 2419 Ave. E

Wednesday, August 3

Wallace County, Sharon Springs- 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. MDT- Mt. Sunflower Bed and Breakfast, 229 N. Gardner

Monday, August 8

*Stops originally scheduled for August 19

Sherman County, Goodland- 11:45-12:45 MDT- High Plains Museum, 1717 Cherry

Cheyenne County, Bird City- 2:30-3:30 p.m.- City Hall, 111 E. 4th

Rawlins County, Atwood - 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Council Chambers, Atwood City Hall, 106 South 3rd

Thomas County, Colby- 5:30-6:30 p.m.- Prairie Museum of Art and History, 1905 S. Franklin

Monday, August 15

Gray County, Montezuma- 11:00-12:00 a.m.- Stauth Memorial Museum, 111 N. Aztec Street

Haskell County, Sublette- 12:30-1:30 p.m.- Haskell County Historical Museum, N. Fair

Stevens County, Hugoton- 2:15-3:15 p.m.- Shady Lane Bed and Breakfast- 110 N. Main

Morton County, Elkhart- 4:00-5:00 p.m.- Cimarron National Grassland, 242 Hwy. 56

Tuesday, August 16

Stanton County, Johnson- 8:00-9:00 a.m.- Stanton County Museum, 104 E. Highland Avenue

Grant County, Ulysses- 9:30-10:30 a.m.- Fort's Cedar View Bed and Breakfast, 1675 West Patterson Avenue

Seward County, Liberal- 11:30-12:30 a.m.- Mid-America Air Museum, 2000 W. 2nd

Meade County, Meade- 1:15-2:15 p.m.- Dalton Gang Hideout, 502 South Pearlette Street

Thursday, August 18

Kearny County, Lakin- 8:00-9:00 a.m.- Kearny County Museum, 111 S. Buffalo Street

Hamilton County, Syracuse- 8:30-9:30 a.m. MDT- Northrup Theatre, 116 North Main St.

Greeley County, Horace- 10:00-11:00 a.m. MDT- Barrel Springs Hunt Club

Wichita County, Leoti- 12:30-1:30 p.m.-Museum of the Great Plains, 201 N. Fourth

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