



U.S. Congressman John Boozman

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Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Leadership Training Institute of America and their inspiring mission of faith for America's youth.

LTIA originated in my home district of northwest Arkansas and has successfully spread throughout the country and even to places as far away as Russia. Their purpose is to provide America's future leaders with a strong Christian foundation of faith in today's secular society.

The program challenges students to develop a Christian worldview and apply that perspective to global conflicts. The students may attend a weeklong seminar once a year--here in our Nation's Capitol--where they meet with their congressional representatives as well as renowned Christian leaders. At the same, the students are encouraged to pursue careers in influential sectors of society.

I believe this training is vital in preparing our future leaders to take their place in society. All too often, our youth are placed in negative, even hostile, environments where they never develop a moral compass or kind spirit. LTIA trains young people to live the Christian faith in an age when such action is not encouraged, and the program gives young people the confidence they need to face a materialistic society.

As the former President Franklin Delano Roosevelt said, "We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future." I believe the students involved in the Leadership Training Institute of America are part of our brave future and I applaud their efforts to make America an even greater nation than she is today.