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(Washington, D.C.) -- U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) announced today that eleventh and twelfth graders from Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District are eligible to apply for an opening in the Congressional Page Program for the spring of 2010. Congressional Pages serve as support staff for the U.S. House of Representatives, performing such duties as delivering legislative correspondence and monitoring phones off of the House floor. Each semester, 66 students from a rotating list of Congressional districts participate in the Page program.

“Being a Congressional Page provides high school students with an invaluable opportunity to see firsthand how their government works,” Altmire said. “During their time on Capitol Hill, Pages will get to observe and play a role in the operations of the House. I encourage all students who love studying American government to consider applying to be a Page this spring.”

Pages will serve from January 24, 2010 to June 4, 2010. During their time in Washington, D.C., pages will live in the Page Residence Hall, a supervised dormitory located on Capitol Hill. They will also attend classes at the House Page School, a fully accredited school which offers classes in math, English, social studies, science, French/Spanish, and computer technology. The Page School also sponsors Washington Seminars, featuring field trips and speakers.

Those interested in applying for the program must submit a completed application, official transcript, written essay, resume of extracurricular activities, parental consent form, and three letters of recommendation to Congressman Altmire's office by October 30, 2009. Interested students can contact Carolyn Kahler with Congressman Altmire's staff at carolyn.kahler@mail.house.gov or 202-225-2565 for an application packet and additional information on the program.