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RNC Names Representative-Elect Conrad James 'Rising Star'

Santa Fe, NM- The Republican National Committee announced this week that it has named Representative-Elect Conrad James, of Albuquerque, to their Rising Stars Program. The program is designed to give elected officials like James a “national platform to promote their diverse perspectives.” James was among just four leaders named to the program this year.

"It's an exciting day to see one of our own leaders given such an amazing opportunity," said Debbie Maestas, Chairwoman for the Republican Party of New Mexico. "Conrad James is a leader who is dedicated to putting New Mexico's families first, and we look forward to watching his career in the coming years."

Yesterday, Representative-Elect James participated at a panel with other recently named 'Rising Stars' during the RNC's Winter Meeting in San Diego. RNC Chair Reince Preibus and RNC Co-Chair Sharon O'Day also joined the panel.

"I am honored to be named a 'Rising Star,' and hope to use the opportunity to bring a fresh voice to the Republican Party," said James. "At the end of the day, I hope to grow the party through bold ideas and putting my constituents above all else."

About Conrad

Representative Conrad James was born and raised in Ohio in a family that stressed education and hard work. Conrad graduated from Walnut Ridge High School and then completed his bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering, summa cum laude, from the University of Notre Dame. He then received his master's and doctorate degrees from Cornell University in applied and engineering physics.

Since 2002, he has worked as a research engineer developing microsystem-based sensors and devices. From 2011 to 2012, Conrad represented House District 24 in the 50th New Mexico Legislature, serving on the House Appropriations & Finance and the Voters & Elections Committees. In 2013, Conrad was appointed to the University of New Mexico Board of Regents where he served on the Finance & Facilities Committee and the Health Sciences Center Board. In 2014, he became Vice President of the Board, and in that same year he was successfully re-elected to the state legislature.

Conrad and his wife Natasha are raising three children in Albuquerque where they attend City Church of Albuquerque.

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