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**GRACIOUSLY DONATED DESK OF LEN B. JORDAN TO BE  
DISPLAYED AT IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

(BOISE) – This morning Superintendent Sherri Ybarra, as well as Representative Judy Boyle announced the donation of the original desk used by the Honorable Leonard B. Jordan, United States Army veteran, a revered Idaho Legislator, Idaho Governor and United States Senator.

“It is truly an honor to display this piece of history at the Idaho State Department of Education,” Superintendent Ybarra said. “Jordan dedicated his life to the service of this country, and to the State of Idaho. This display will be honoring that service.”

The original desk and accessories were graciously donated by Ron and Anita Van Grunsven of Fruitvale and will be added to the Idaho State Historical Society’s permanent collection. The society is working with the Idaho State Department of Education to display this piece of history on the second floor of the Len B. Jordan building located at 650 W. State St.

Superintendent Ybarra said, “the State of Idaho is indebted to Representative Boyle for her part in bringing this project to completion.” Representative Boyle has been a friend of both the Jordan and Van Grunsven families and they all understand the historical significance of this desk, which was created by the prison industries and donated to Governor Jordan during his tenure in office.

“It’s great to see this piece of history returning full circle,” Representative Judy Boyle said. “It has been very well cared for by the Jordan and Van Grunsven families and I can speak for everyone involved that we are very grateful that it can now be on display for the people of Idaho.”

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*Photo 1: The Len B. Jordan desk on display at the Idaho State Department of Education.*