Wyandanch, NY – On Friday, Rep. Steve Israel (D – Huntington) surprised Wyandanch 11th grad student Lasheca Lewis to tell her she has been selected to participate in the U.S. House of Representatives Page Program in Washington, DC.

“I am deeply proud to be able to appoint Lasheca Lewis to the House of Representatives Page Program. In her application essay Lasheca wrote, ‘I come from nothing, but in a few years from now I am going to be something very big.’ She wants to achieve the same level of greatness as Thurgood Marshall and Sonia Sotomayor and I have no doubt that she will succeed. Lasheca has faced unimaginable challenges, but despite everything she has excelled at school and in her community. I am certain that she will also excel as part of the Congressional Page Program. Lasheca also told me that she wants to be in Congress one day. I just hope she decides to run after I’ve left office because I know she’ll be successful at anything she works hard for,” said Rep. Israel.

The highly competitive program brings high school students to Washington where they serve as support staff for the U.S. House of Representatives and attend the House Page School. To be appointed, students must be sponsored by a Member of Congress. Only 72 students from across the country will be selected to participate in the summer session.

Lasheca first learned about the Page Program several years ago when a former Page told her about his experience in Washington, DC. After that discussion, she was determined to participate in the program. She is active in student groups at school, has a job and is involved in her community.

Lasheca will begin her term as a House Page on July 11, 2010.