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Pictured (from left to right): Henry Taves, M.A.; Lawrence Buckland, M.E.; Congressman Bass; President Budd; G. DeMuro

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Congressman Charles Bass visits River Valley Community College for Talks on Historical Technologies

Charles Bass met recently at River Valley Community College in Claremont with Gerry Demuro, board chair of Heritage Mills and Dr. Steven Budd, president of River Valley to discuss the development of an Educational and Demonstration Center for Energy, Engineering, and Manufacturing in rural communities. Heritage Mills is an organization that promotes interest, both publicly and privately in old mills and other Americana, and works toward preservation and/or rebuilding of structures.

The Center will explain and demonstrate different energy technologies and how community scale applications of local energy can increase rural jobs. The educational component will include place based learning programs associated with engineering; hands on manufacturing innovations; physics; economics and energy technologies. These programs will be designed to add value to further studies in higher education and inspire young people to create new jobs in our rural communities.

Gerry Demuro, Heritage Mills board chair and President of the Society for the Preservation of Old Mills – NE Chapter, pointed out that their historical technologies may be used as “learning tools” to inspire a new generation of manufacturing engineers. According to Budd, “the Education and Demonstration Center would support curriculum development and could be the focus of a course in the history of technology.



U.S. Congressman Charles Bass visiting historic technology in Claremont for engineering education.