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Local Students Honored in Annual Writing Contest *Winning Essays Explored Role of Government*

Chicago – With the General Assembly session adjourned for the summer, Representative John Fritchey (D-11) took a break from reading legislative analyses and turned his attention to essays written by eighth graders from across the district. Now in its ninth year, the John Fritchey Youth Foundation sponsored its annual scholarship contest that asks students to write an essay explaining, “What Government Means to Me.”

“Reading the students’ thoughtful perspectives on the political system is something I look forward to every year. I am proud to be able to sponsor a contest that allows these young adults to explore their ideas,” stated Rep. Fritchey. “I hope that engaging them in a dialogue about government now will encourage them to continue their civic participation in the future.”

Fritchey presented certificates to all contest participants and monetary scholarship awards to the students with the top three essays during their graduation ceremonies. The winning essays were picked from over two hundred entries submitted from grade schools throughout the district. This year, all three winning entrants were from the same school. First place was presented to Benjamin Garcia, second place to Shauntavia Peace, and third place to Irais Cedeno, all from Burley School.

“I am very pleased with the students’ participation in this year’s contest, and I look forward to continuing this tradition in the years to come,” Fritchey said.

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