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

Chicago – Home from a legislative session focused on ethics legislation, ongoing budget talks, and discussions of a capital bill, Representative John Fritchey (D-Chicago) recently turned to some of his younger constituents for their views on government during his Twelfth Annual John Fritchey Youth Foundation essay contest. The annual scholarship contest asks eighth-grade students to write an essay on the topic, “What Government Means to Me.”

“Every year, I look forward to reading the students’ thoughtful perspectives and sometimes telling views on the political system,” stated Rep. Fritchey. “I hope that engaging them in a dialogue about government now will encourage them to continue their civic participation as they get older.

Monetary scholarship awards were awarded to the students who authored the top three essays, which were chosen from entries submitted from elementary schools throughout the district. All contest participants were presented with certificates of participation.

This year, the first-place essay was written by Pauline Day, a graduating eighth-grader from Lincoln Elementary School. Second-place was awarded to Thea Bloom of Saint Luke Academy, and third-place to Emily Landon, also from Lincoln Elementary.

“I am really happy with the students’ efforts in this year’s contest. Participation in the contest has continued to grow every year, and I am proud to be able to sponsor a contest that allows these young adults to explore and express their ideas,” Fritchey said.

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