

N E W S R E L E A S E

For Immediate Release

Contact: Sheila McCant
 Nancy Johnson
 LA House of Representatives
 Office of Public Information
 Phone: (225) 342-9795
 Fax: (225) 219-4380

DATE: May 13, 2003

ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS HONORED

Winners of the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus essay contest highlighting National Women In History Month were honored recently at the State Capitol in Baton Rouge. The theme of the contest was Women's Contributions to Louisiana History, Government and Politics.

The first place winner was Geoffrey Stoute of Central Catholic High School in Morgan City. His essay was entitled "Lindy Boggs: A Colorful Symbol of Louisiana Women." He was presented with a \$400 savings bond.

Second place went to Jianni Rhodes of Marrero Christian High School. She received a \$300 savings bond. Jennifer Barlass of Sarepta High School won third place and received a \$200 savings bond.

Six honorable mention winners were awarded \$100 savings bonds. They are Meagan Wiley of Central High School in Jonesville, Kalyn Schriefer of Vermilion Catholic High School in Abbeville, Caitlin Lombardo of Louise S. McGehee School in New Orleans, Christen Bussey of Springhill Junior High, Katie Holder of Gonzales Middle School, and Kimberly Robertson of Labadieville Middle School.

(more)

add one - essay winners

Middle and high school students were encouraged to write a 750 to 1000 word essay examining the contributions women have made and continue to make to Louisiana and its communities. Each school was asked to select its best two entries and then forward them to the caucus.

##

PHOTO ENCLOSED: ESSAY CONTEST WINNER GEOFFREY STOUTE VISITS WITH STATE REP. CARLA DARTEZ. THE WINNERS WERE HONORED RECENTLY BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.