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STUDENTS USE PEN TO COMBAT YOUTH VIOLENCE

Houston – Harris County Judge Ed Emmett will congratulate the two national finalists and the two state finalists of the annual Houston/Harris County *Do the Write Thing Challenge*. An awards ceremony and reception will be held at Minute Maid Park for the student finalists, their families, teachers, and the other school finalists who participated in *The Challenge*. Jim “Mack” McIngvale will be keynote speaker for the ceremony.

The *Do the Write Thing Challenge* is an initiative of the National Campaign to Stop Violence. *The Challenge* is designed to give seventh and eighth grade students the opportunity to examine the impact of youth violence on their lives and to communicate in writing what they think should be done to change the culture of violence in our society.

The two national finalists are Alyssa Marie Navarro Mahoney of John Paul II Middle School, Archdiocese of Galveston Houston and Kei Devonn Harvin of Hamilton Middle School, Cypress Fairbanks ISD. The two state finalists are Stephanie Castro of Missouri City Middle School, Fort Bend ISD and Gustavo Botello of Burbank Middle School, Houston ISD.

Over 12,500 students from 130 schools in 39 school districts participated in the 2007 Houston/Harris County *Do the Write Thing Challenge*. Judge Emmett is chairman of the Houston/Harris County *Do the Write Thing* committee. Robert Eckels, former County Judge, is chairman of the Texas *Do the Write Thing* committee.

WHO: Ed Emmett, Harris County Judge
Robert Eckels, former Harris County Judge
Marion Mattingly, National Campaign to Stop Violence
Jim “Mack” McIngvale
Student finalists, families, and teachers

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WHAT: 2007 *Do the Write Thing Challenge* ceremony/reception

WHERE: Minute Maid Park
*Media to park in Parking Lot A off Hamilton Street
Entrance

WHEN: Saturday, May 5, 2007
11 AM to Noon (program)
Noon – 2 PM (reception for students, teachers, and
families)

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