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STUDENTS' VOTES GET COUNTED AT MOCK ELECTION CONVENTION

(DOVER, Del.) – Students representing school districts across Delaware participated in the 2010 Student Mock Election Convention today at Legislative Hall, announcing their districts' vote tallies in the races for U.S. Senator, Representative in Congress, Attorney General, State Treasurer, and Auditor of Accounts. Over 32,000 students in grades 4-12 participated in this year's Mock Election, which is organized by the Office of the Commissioner of Elections.

In their remarks to convention attendees, Elections Commissioner Elaine Manlove and Secretary of State Jeffrey Bullock, the honorary co-chair of this year's Mock Election, stressed the importance of voter participation. Convention proceedings were overseen by Smyrna High School students, with musical entertainment provided by the Campus Community Charter School Band.

The votes cast by Delaware students are as follows:

UNITED STATES SENATOR		Total Votes
★ CHRISTOPHER A. COONS	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	15,324
CHRISTINE O'DONNELL	REPUBLICAN PARTY	11,734
GLENN A. MILLER	INDEPENDENT PARTY OF DELAWARE	3,590
JAMES W. RASH	LIBERTARIAN PARTY	1,530
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS		Total Votes
★ JOHN C. CARNEY, JR.	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	13,808
GLEN URQUHART	REPUBLICAN PARTY	9,066
EARL R. LOFLAND	INDEPENDENT PARTY OF DELAWARE	3,165
BRENT A. WANGEN	LIBERTARIAN PARTY	2,043
JEFFREY BROWN	THE BLUE ENIGMA PARTY	3,401
ATTORNEY GENERAL		Total Votes
★ JOSEPH R. BIDEN, III	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	20,548
DOUG CAMPBELL	INDEPENDENT PARTY OF DELAWARE	10,135
STATE TREASURER		Total Votes
★ CHIP FLOWERS, JR.	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	16,662
COLIN BONINI	REPUBLICAN PARTY	14,003
AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS		Total Votes
★ RICHARD KORN	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	16,090
R. THOMAS WAGNER, JR.	REPUBLICAN PARTY	14,621

A coordinator in each school district helped prepare students for the election using lesson plans developed by Delaware teachers and linked to the Delaware Social Studies content standards. Students cast their electronic ballots over a three-day period earlier this week.

The Mock Election program involves extensive cooperation between multiple State agencies, as well as other institutions and organizations. The program depends heavily on assistance from the Democracy Project at the University of Delaware, the Department of Education, the Department of Technology and Information, the League of Women Voters, *The News Journal*, and the Office of the Secretary of State.

The Delaware Mock Election is associated with National Student/Parent Mock Election Organization, whose mission is “to motivate young people to seize the day, to cast votes for candidates who most inspire them while learning to cast real votes in real elections when they reach voting age.”

For more information on the 2010 Mock Election, please visit <http://elections.delaware.gov/information/mockelection/mockelection.shtml>.

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