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IT'S OFFICIAL--CELEBRATE NJ! MONTH IS UNDERWAY:
200 STUDENTS FROM MERCER COUNTY AND CENTRAL JERSEY
HONORED AT TRENTON THUNDER GAME

(Bradley Beach, NJ) -- It was the culmination of months of hard work for fourth graders from across New Jersey who participated in the Celebrate NJ! school program. After researching and writing articles for a newspaper, 200 area students were honored by the Trenton Thunder during a recent game in Trenton. Each child earned two tickets to the game.

Karen Hatcher, Celebrate NJ! President explains, “These students worked so hard and learned so many wonderful things about the place they call home. We were inspired and entertained by the variety and depth of topics that they chose. It’s great to have an opportunity to celebrate their efforts and to create a positive association with learning about our State.”

Children from The Princeton Charter School in Princeton, the Brookside Elementary School in Monroe Township, Appleby School in Spotswood, and South River Elementary School participated in the festivities.

Governor Corzine has issued an official proclamation again this year designating June as the *Celebrate New Jersey!* month. To conclude the school program, eight local minor and independent league baseball teams will host Celebrate NJ! game nights throughout the month for the 9,000 students who participated in the program.

Celebrate NJ! is also running a year long campaign that invites everyone who has a Reason to Celebrate NJ! to log on to www.CelebrateNJ.org and enter that reason. The group will continue to unveil the reasons each month based on the number of days in a particular month. Residents are encouraged to enter specific reasons describing the interesting and unique aspects of the Garden State. Entry cards are also available at over 350 libraries across the state. The selected reasons are announced daily on the organization’s website.

The “365 Reasons to Celebrate NJ!” campaign is made possible through the generous support of sponsors NJ Cable Telecommunications Association, ArborSys Group, and St.

Barnabas Health Care System. For more information about the campaign, visit www.CelebrateNJ.org.

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Photo Caption: Pictured from L-R- Emmaline Nathans and Sinclair Meggitt, fourth grade students at the Princeton Charter School, and Karen Hatcher, Celebrate NJ! Executive Director. Sinclair was one of 300 students honored by Celebrate NJ! for her contributions to a student newspaper developed for the Celebrate NJ! school program.