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Sen. Frank Barnitz Presents Resolution to Hofstetter for Her “Letter About Literature”

JEFFERSON CITY – Courtney Hofstetter, St. James, has been chosen as a recipient of the 2006 Letters About Literature award. Hofstetter was honored yesterday by Secretary of State Robin Carnahan at the James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center in Jefferson City.

William (Tony) Benz, legislative aide to State Sen. Frank Barnitz, D-Lake Spring, was on hand to present to Hofstetter a Senate Resolution honoring her for her achievement. Letters About Literature is an annual competition, sponsored in part by the Missouri State Library, in which students write a personal letter to an author explaining how his or her work inspired them. Hofstetter, an eighth-grader at St. James Middle School and daughter of Mike and Shirley Hofstetter, won a Level II honorable mention award for her essay on *The Girl Death Left Behind*. Almost 1,800 Missouri students participated in the contest.

“I am proud of Courtney for winning this award,” said Sen .Barnitz. “She is a talented writer and is very deserving. It is important for schoolchildren in Missouri to participate in programs like Letters About Literature because they help improve writing skills and reading comprehension.”

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Photo information: 1) Legislative Aide William (Tony) Benz with Courtney Hofstetter