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## **Young Scholar Receives Recognition for Academic Skills** *Family Support Goes a Long Way*

(San Bernardino, CA) Mark Robinson Jr., a 10-year old 6<sup>th</sup> grader from Cabrillo Elementary School in Upland, was selected as the state representative for the National Young Leaders State Conference (NYLSC), a competitive program that helps foster and inspire young students to achieve their leadership potential at an early age.

Mark was nominated by his 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher not only for his academic strengths, but his leadership potential. In April 2011, Mark will attend his first leadership conference in Irvine and if he maintains his academic standing is eligible to remain in the program for years to come.

On September 28<sup>th</sup> Mark received recognition from the Upland School Board. Mark has also received recognition awards from Supervisor Josie Gonzalez and Congressman Joe Baca.

“Mark achieved this on his own merits. We have just guided him,” states Mr. Mark Robinson Sr. regarding his son’s achievement. Mr. Robinson emphasized that parent involvement in school has been a critical component in raising his son. “If your child is in school – you are in school”. Mr. Robinson also takes his son to city council meetings regularly so Mark can learn first hand how local government functions and what is required to make change in his community.

The Robinson family lives in an affordable housing community in Chino and strives to move towards self-sufficiency, including helping their child achieve academic success. “Marks achievement is commendable and we applaud the entire family,” states Susan Benner, Executive Director of the Housing Authority.

Good luck to Mark in the conference and his future endeavors.



Mark Robinson Jr. received Certificate of Appreciation from Upland Unified School Board Members



Mark Robinson Jr. with both his parents at the Upland Unified School Board Meeting

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