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**LOCAL YOUNG GIRL GOES TO WASHINGTON DC TO PRESENT AN
ORIGINAL CONGRESSIONAL BILL TO POLITICIANS**

ARLINGTON, Texas, June 10, 2010 – Susana Victor, an 8th grader at Stripling Middle School, is headed to Washington, D.C. on June 15 to present her congressional bill on improving conditions for children in foster care. Susana competed along with two other groups in Girls Rock the House (GRTH), a national initiative for 8th grade girls in political districts represented by women of the House of Representatives, featuring a six-week curriculum that inspired girls to envision their roles in the political process. Girls Incorporated of Tarrant County oversaw the two groups and worked with the girls in a hands-on learning experience to create their bills. The young ladies were from White Settlement ISD and Fort Worth ISD.

Susana's bill is about improving conditions for foster care children such as better screening of foster families and better management of case loads for caseworkers. Susana will meet with House Representatives and participate in a recognition dinner with winners from throughout the United States.

Beginning at the group level, each girl crafted and submitted a bill to a local, impartial judging panel. Group winners then went onto the district competition and the winner chosen at the district level won the trip to Washington, D.C. for a two and a half day program.

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Girls Inc. of Tarrant County is a local nonprofit youth organization dedicated to inspiring all girls to be "strong, smart, and bold." We offer outreach programs throughout all of Tarrant County using nationally researched curriculum on topics such as substance abuse prevention, economic literacy, pregnancy prevention & much more. Our Girls Inc. Center in Arlington is a recreation center for girls to go after school and during the summer to participate in our programs, make friends, find mentors and become "strong, smart, and bold!" Girls Incorporated of Tarrant County (Girls Inc.) has provided services for at-risk youth for 30 years.

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