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### **Announcing Young Georgia Authors' 2009-2010 Contest Winners**

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Middle Georgia RESA winners of the Young Georgia Authors' Writing competition were selected in May. This annual contest is sponsored by the Georgia Department of Education for students in grades K-12. The local winners competed at the RESA level competition in hopes of being selected to advance to the state competition. The young authors submit original essays, stories or poems on any subject matter.

The 2009-2010 Houston County regional winners by grade, and the title of their essay or story, are:

- ✓ Kindergarten - Kyra Pennington, *All About Big Cats*, Bonaire Elementary;
- ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> grade - Sarah Bray, *Laura the Scarecrow*, Bonaire Elementary;
- ✓ 6<sup>th</sup> grade - Andy Callaway "Cal" Gentry, *Monster Buck*, Mossy Creek Middle;
- ✓ 8<sup>th</sup> grade - Willa Wang, *The Heart of a Hero*, Feagin Mill Middle;
- ✓ 10<sup>th</sup> grade - Summer Barnwell, *The Toymaker*, Houston County High; and
- ✓ 11<sup>th</sup> grade - Shaquille Louis Brown, *The Thunder Watchers*, Warner Robins High.

The purpose of the Young Georgia Authors' Writing Contest is to:

- encourage students to develop writing that represents their best efforts;
- provide a context for schools to support and celebrate student writing successes; and
- encourage and recognize student achievement in writing throughout Georgia.

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