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**SENATOR GALLUCCIO AND REPRESENTATIVE SANCHEZ
JOIN JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT TO HONOR EXEMPLARY
MASSACHUSETTS COMPANIES**



*Four Local Businesses Selected for Induction into
JA's Boston Business Hall of Fame*

BOSTON– Senator Anthony Galluccio (D) and Representative Jeffrey Sanchez (D) teamed up today with Junior Achievement of Eastern Massachusetts to recognize four companies that exemplify the best in business practices and community involvement. At the Massachusetts State House on Friday, March 14, Senator Anthony Galluccio and Representative Jeffrey Sanchez together announced the 2008 Inductee Companies to the Junior Achievement Boston Business Hall of Fame. The companies selected for induction include **Commodore Builders, Goeff & Drew's Incredible Cookies, Mullen and State Street Corporation.**

The Junior Achievement Boston Business Hall of Fame recognizes companies for their excellence in three key areas: success in the free enterprise system, proven commitment to the community, especially youth and education, and insistence on growth and investment in Eastern Massachusetts.

Junior Achievement provides programs to students that teach about business, financial literacy, workforce readiness and the importance of staying in school. All programs are provided at no cost to the schools and other organizations and are taught by volunteers from the business community.

Representative Sanchez was pleased to participate and said *“Junior Achievement provides vital programs for students that provide hands on learning and real workforce readiness skills. I am happy to support their efforts in showing all young people that there is a wealth of possibilities for their futures and supplying them with the skills they need to achieve those possibilities.”*

Every company announced this morning is recognized in their industry and by the overall community for their commitment to achieve high results in both the professional and civic arenas, especially in Eastern Massachusetts. Every company selected offers its employees paid time off for volunteering, sponsors local charitable events, contributes in-kind to local organizations and each engage in pro-bono work.

Balanced with their community support, each of these companies is engaged in the personal development of their own employees. Each company has established career progression models with defined tracks for growth and has strong participation from their employees. Importantly, each company scored very high for their investment in the growth of the Eastern Massachusetts economy.

“We are proud to honor the good work of these companies, as they have demonstrated an outstanding level of dedication to the communities they serve,” said David C. Eustis, Jr., President of Junior Achievement.

The inductees will be honored at a formal gala event on Wednesday May 21, 2008. For more information please visit www.jaem.org.

About Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement is the world's largest in- and after-school learn by doing business education program. JA teaches students about business, financial literacy, workforce readiness and the importance of staying in school. During the 07/08 year, over 1100 business volunteers will use JA's developed curriculum to educate over 36,000 K-12 students in Eastern Massachusetts, with a focus on reaching disadvantaged youth. The \$900 average per class is covered by donors and friends, making the program free for students, schools and organizations to participate. To learn more and to get involved visit: www.jaem.org

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