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- **JOSEPH B. DE MOTT available for interviews**

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: “Celebrate America”

SAN ANTONIO, TX – In celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Statue of Liberty, the San Antonio division, of the Texas chapter, of the American Immigration Lawyers Association along with the American Immigration Council (AIC) – a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of Immigration Law and the value of immigration to American society – announced today its call for submissions from fifth graders on the topic “Why I am Glad America is a Nation of Immigrants”.

The top six San Antonio area participants who best express the theme through essays, poems, short stories, or interviews will receive cash grants and prizes including special anniversary Statue of Liberty mementoes. In addition, local winners will have the opportunity to present their winning entries to newly inducted U.S. citizens, along with their families and friends, at a Naturalization Ceremony presided over by U.S. Magistrate Judge John Primomo.

One outstanding entrant will be selected to attend the Council’s 15th Annual Benefit Dinner to be held in Nashville, Tennessee on June 15, 2012 and have their entry posted in the Congressional Record to remain a vital part of our U.S. history.

The “Celebrate America” program is intended to inspire educators to bring U.S. Immigration history and lessons into their classrooms and gives fifth graders the opportunity to explore America as a nation of immigrants. Joseph B. De Mott, a founding partner with the law firm, De Mott, McChesney, Curtright, and Armendariz has been a proud supporter of this particular program on a local level for nearly a decade. “Whenever I have the opportunity to visit schools and speak with students, their teachers, and their parents about immigration; I’m always impressed with how enthusiastic and engaged they are about the subject. I truly enjoy hearing the personal stories that they share about the role immigration has played in their family’s history and in making them who they are today.”

This program is open to students in the San Antonio and surrounding areas who are enrolled in either public and private schools, as well as those who are home schooled. Judges will be looking for entries that are clear, concise, creative, and that best celebrate the theme. Javier Roman, co-owner of Worldwide Languages & Communication, LLC., a language and culture translation service provider is a judge for this year’s competition. “I am honored that Mr. De Mott asked me to participate in such a great program that encourages children at such a young age to express their thoughts on how the diversity of our culture has been and continues to be strengthened by immigration.”

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Entries are limited to 500 words and can be an essay, poem, short story, interview, or the like. Each entry must include a cover page with the following information: student's name; grade; age, school; address; telephone number; and proof of enrollment in the fifth grade, such as a transcript, report card, or letter from the student's teacher, the school principal, or the guidance counselor.

Entry Requirements

- Cover page must include student's name, address, grade, age, school, and telephone number, and an email address.
- Proof of enrollment in the fifth grade—such as report cards, transcripts, or letter from the student's teacher, the school principal, or the guidance counselor.
- A Release Form (available by calling Patti at 210.590.1844 or by sending an email to patricia@demottusa.com) must be signed by the participant and a parent or guardian.
- All essays must be post-marked or delivered in person no later than Friday, February 10, 2012 to:
American Immigration Council's "Celebrate America" Call for Submissions
c/o De Mott, McChesney, Curtright & Associates - Immigration Lawyers
8930 Fourwinds Dr., Suite 106
San Antonio, TX 78239-1971



To celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Statue of Liberty, South Texas Immigration Lawyer and a sponsor for the "Celebrate America" creative writing competition, Joseph B. De Mott (pictured above with a replica in hand), will visit local schools to answer questions about immigration and discuss why this universal symbol of freedom continues to inspire millions.



AMERICAN IMMIGRATION COUNCIL CELEBRATE AMERICA CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST - - AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Number of words in entry (excluding title): _____

Thank you for submitting an entry to the Celebrate America Creative Writing Contest sponsored by the American Immigration Council.

Your entry may be published in the American Immigration Council's Benefit Program Book, in the American Immigration Lawyers Association Annual Conference Program and in any publication of the AILA Chapter sponsoring your local contest. In addition, your creative writing entry and photograph may be published in appropriate newspapers, journals, or other print media. Your name, address and telephone number may be released to such publications in the event that they wish to contact you in connection with your entry. It is understood that the use of these materials by the Council, AILA, or any other institution will not be for personal gain.

By signing this release, you are agreeing to transfer copyright and other rights for your creative writing entry to the American Immigration Council, and to release the Council, AILA, and other participating organizations from any claims relating to the above-stated uses.

By signing this release, you are agreeing that the above-named student's entry is 500 words or less, and that if it is longer, it will not be eligible for national judging.

Author

Date

Parent or Guardian

Date

** Each entry must also include a cover page with the following information: student's name, grade, age, school, address, and telephone number.

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