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STUDENTS EXPLORE THE INDIVIDUAL IN HISTORY AT 2009 KANSAS HISTORY DAY; TEACHER OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED

TOPEKA, KS—Today at the 27th annual Kansas History Day 229 students explored the theme of *The Individual in History: Actions and Legacies*. Fifty-six of those qualified to advance to the Kenneth E. Behring National History Day Contest, June 14-18, at the University of Maryland, College Park, near Washington, D.C.

NOTE: A list of History Day medalists and topical award winners follows this page.

Each year, students statewide in grades six through 12 select topics based on the History Day theme. They spend the school year working, researching, and tracking primary and secondary sources and compete in junior and senior categories of performances, documentaries, papers, exhibits, or websites. Students compete as individuals and as school teams. They are challenged to demonstrate their knowledge about the historical context of their chosen subject and to interpret and analyze the importance of the person, idea, or event in history. Kansas students rank among the top states at National History Day with 58 medals and six scholarships during the program's 27 years.

Chris Terrell was named Kansas History Day Teacher of the Year. Terrell is a gifted facilitator in Reno County and has encouraged students to expand participate in History Day since she began teaching in the Wichita Public School system in 1985. She will be nominated for the National History Day Richard Farrell Teachers of Merit Award.

Kansas History Day is administered by the Kansas Historical Society with additional support from the Washburn University. For further information contact Kansas History Day co-coordinator Marcia Fox, 785-272-8681, ext. 416, mfox@kshs.org. The Kansas Historical Society is a state agency headquartered in Topeka. For more information visit kshs.org.

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