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ESSAY CONTEST WINNER SERVES AS LEGISLATOR FOR A DAY



Amityville, NY –Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory was joined by Jeremiah Hardy, the winner of the 15th Legislative District’s African-American History Month Essay Contest, as he served as “Legislator for a Day” at the legislature’s general meeting on April 12 in Hauppauge.

In honor of African American History Month, Presiding Officer Gregory sponsored an essay contest for students in grades 6, 7 and 8. The topic of the essay was: “How do the contributions of 20th century African-Americans affect your daily life?” The goal of the contest is for students to learn about African-Americans who achieved greatness and to develop an appreciation of their contributions to society.

This year’s winner, Jeremiah Hardy, is a student at Milton L. Olive Middle School in Wyandanch. Jeremiah’s essay discussed the contributions of African-American inventor George Washington Carver and how his work still affects our daily lives. As “Legislator for a Day,” Jeremiah shadowed Presiding Officer Gregory, sitting with him during the general meeting, and received a tour of the legislature building.

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