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### **Ten Plano ISD Students Named to Sam Johnson's 2007-2008 Congressional Youth Advisory Council**

U.S. Congressman Sam Johnson (3<sup>rd</sup>Dist.-Texas) announced in November the students selected to participate in the 2007-2008 Congressional Youth Advisory Council (CYAC). This year 42 students make up the elite group, with 6 returning members and 10 members who are students in Plano ISD.

Congressman Johnson said, "For years I've had the privilege of getting to know a stellar group of high school students who want to make a difference for their generation. Because these students represent their peers, I call them 'Young Ambassadors to Congress.' I'm very impressed with them so far and look forward to getting to know them."

<u>Student</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Susie Choi*	Plano West Senior High School	12 <sup>th</sup>
Xinyue (Lisa) Hu	Plano Senior High School	11 <sup>th</sup>
Sibel Kayaalp	Plano Senior High School	11 <sup>th</sup>
Nabeel Lockmanjee	Plano East Senior High School	12 <sup>th</sup>
Amanda Lu	Plano West Senior High School	11 <sup>th</sup>
James MacGibbon*	Plano Senior High School	12 <sup>th</sup>
David Paxman*	Plano East Senior High School	12 <sup>th</sup>
Allyson Rice	Plano West Senior High School	12 <sup>th</sup>
Rena Sheng	Jasper High School	10 <sup>th</sup>
Garrett Tollette	Jasper High School	10 <sup>th</sup>

\*returning student

Johnson created the Council in 2004. The Council's goal is two-fold. First, the group provides Johnson with greater student perspective and insight on issues that directly impact younger Americans. Second, Council activities educate students on government policies relevant to young people. The members of the Council meet approximately four times throughout the school year in the Third District.

The December meeting will bring local leaders of all levels to visit face-to-face with the Congressional Youth Advisory Council. The panelists confirmed for the upcoming meeting are:

Texas House Representative Jodie Laubenberg, District 89; Collin County Judge Keith Self; Judge John Payton, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3-2; Judge John Roach Jr., 296th District Court; and Richardson Mayor Steve Mitchell.

"The cornerstone of democracy is civic activism. These high school students are well on their way to making North Texas a better community and America a better country," concluded Johnson.

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