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Sen. Curt Thompson Encourages Local Students to Enter Arts Contest

ATLANTA (Feb. 4, 2011) – State Sen. Curt Thompson (D-Norcross) announced today that middle and high school students are eligible to enter the statewide annual Holocaust Art and Writing Contest sponsored by the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust in cooperation with the Georgia Department of Education. The contests "What Are the Lessons of the Holocaust?" began in 1995 and include Music for the first time this year.

The contests encourage students to learn the lessons of the Holocaust and the nature and repercussions of unchecked hate and prejudice. Winning students will be presented cash awards during the official State of Georgia Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust ceremony in the State Capitol Building in May 2011.

The Georgia Commission on the Holocaust provides quality character education programs throughout the State of Georgia. The Commission deals with hate speech, bullying and other issues concerning discrimination in today's society.

Guidelines and deadline for *What Are the Lessons of the Holocaust* Art, Writing and Music Contests can be found on the Commission's website www.holocaust.georgia.gov or by calling 678-839-6281.

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Sen. Curt Thompson represents the 5th Senate District which includes portions of DeKalb and Gwinnett counties. He serves as Chairman of the Senate Special Judiciary Committee. He may be reached by phone at 404.463.1318 or by e-mail at curt.thompson@senate.ga.gov.