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BYLP TAKES OVER BOTH HOUSES OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE HOSTING A RECORD 125+ CALIFORNIA YOUTH

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Sacramento, CA, February 26, 2011 – Whomever states “education is wasted on the young” didn’t spend the day with California high school students that met the admission criteria of Black Youth Leadership Project’s (BYLP) 12th Annual Legislative Open House. With the support of vendors, teachers, parents, chaperones, volunteers and elected officials, BYLP was able to host a record 125+ California youth, garnering support and participation of officials that had never previously been involved with BYLP.

BYLP’s Legislative Open House is a one-day program designed to expose California’s youth to the Capitol community. Students were taken through a hands-on experience of the Legislative process, turning bills into laws.

“The best part was the committee debate. It was fun to be able to meet other students from throughout the state and learn about California’s government,” stated one of the student participants. Another stated, “This experience was amazing. I was exposed with so much information and met so many people. I have lived in Sacramento all my life and I have never stepped foot inside the State Capitol. This was truly a blessing and privileged experience to have.”

Leaving the Legislative Open House experience was stated as being what was liked the least. Many students expressed wanting to encourage other peers to attend the Legislative Open House.

Sponsors for this year’s event included the following:

AFSCME
UDW
California Legislative Black Caucus
Senator Darrell Steinberg
Chick-Fil-A

BYLP wants to express its deep and heartfelt thanks to ALL that helped in empowering California’s youth through this year’s Legislative Open House!

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