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CELEBRATE NJ! MONTH CONTINUES:
CAMDEN COUNTY STUDENTS HONORED
AT RIVERSHARKS GAME

(Camden, NJ) -- It was the culmination of months of hard work for fourth graders from Camden County who participated in the Celebrate NJ! school program. After researching and writing articles for a newspaper, dozens of area students were honored by the Camden Riversharks during a recent home game. Each child earned two tickets to the game.

Students from the Berlin Community School in Berlin and St. Stephen's School in Pennsauken participated in the festivities. Their articles ranged from Alice Paul and the Cape May Zoo to the New Egypt Speedway and Marconi's wireless telegraph.

According to Jennifer Zingaro, a fourth grade teacher at the Berlin Community School, "The Celebrate NJ! Program empowered my students to independently choose and explore subjects they were truly interested in. One student, Sophia Valeri, whose topic was Alice Paul, was so engaged in learning that she practically wrote a fourth grade thesis!"

Sophia Valeri added, "It was so cool to learn about such a famous woman from New Jersey. Without Alice Paul, women would not have the rights we have today. She died just nine years before I was born. I wish I had had the chance to meet her."

Karen Hatcher, Celebrate NJ! Executive Director, points out, "These students worked so hard and learned so many wonderful things about the place they call home. We were inspired and entertained by the variety and depth of topics that they chose. It's great to have a chance to celebrate their efforts and to create a positive association with learning about our State."

Governor Corzine has issued an official proclamation again this year designating June as the *Celebrate New Jersey!* month. To conclude the school program, eight local minor and independent league baseball teams will host Celebrate NJ! game nights throughout the month for the 9,000 students who participated in the program.

Celebrate NJ! is also running a year long campaign that invites everyone who has a Reason to Celebrate NJ! to log on to www.CelebrateNJ.org and enter that reason. The group will continue to unveil the reasons each month based on the number of days in a particular month. Residents are encouraged to enter specific reasons describing the interesting and unique aspects of the Garden State. Entry cards are also available at over 350 libraries across the state. The selected reasons are announced daily on the organization's website.

The "365 Reasons to Celebrate NJ!" campaign is made possible through the generous support of sponsors NJ Cable Telecommunications Association, ArborSys Group, and St. Barnabas Health Care System. For more information about the campaign, visit www.CelebrateNJ.org.

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Photo Caption: Karen Hatcher, Executive Director of Celebrate NJ! and Jennifer Zingaro, fourth grade teacher at the Berlin Community School, along with students from the school, recently enjoyed a Riversharks game. The children were recognized for their participation in the in the Celebrate NJ! school program.