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OBAMA AND MCCAIN DECLARED WINNERS IN MCCORMICK TRIBUNE FREEDOM MUSEUM STUDENT VOTE PROJECT

CHICAGO, February 5—Chicagoland students declared Obama and McCain winners in today's Illinois Primary simulation conducted by the McCormick Tribune Freedom Museum. More than 3,500 students joined the millions of American voters who hit the polls this Super Tuesday.

Sen. Barack Obama captured 71 percent of the democratic vote, while Sen. Hillary Clinton only received 27 percent. These results coincided with a student poll taken at the Freedom Museum in the final weeks before today's election. During this time, Obama has significantly widened his margin over Clinton.

Sen. John McCain captured 51 percent of the republican vote, while Gov. Mitt Romney only received 16 percent. These results are not consistent with an earlier student poll taken at the Freedom Museum that forecasted Gov. Mike Huckabee as the winner. However, today's student results are consistent with national polls that show McCain having considerable gain over Huckabee in the last month.

"While these student votes don't count in the actual Illinois primary, what really counts are students getting involved and making their voices heard," said Courtney Brouwer, Student & Teacher Programs Manager at the Freedom Museum.

For the General Election, on November 4, the Freedom Museum will open up the Student Vote Project to any middle school or high school classes interested in participating. If teachers are interested in learning more about Student Vote Project or want to participate on November 4, they can visit:

www.freedommuseum.us/students/student_vote_2008.htm.

Student Vote Project Results:

Please note, these results only include candidates still in the race. For results on how all candidates fared among participating schools visit www.freedommuseum.us/students/student_vote_2008.htm.

Democrats

Clinton: 27.26%

Obama: 71.31%

Republicans

McCain: 51.28%

Romney: 16.99%

Huckabee: 16.27%

Green Party

Mckinney: 10%

Mesplay: 15%

Ball: 32.50 %
Hawkins: 42.5%
Nader (write-in):2.5%

About the McCormick Tribune Freedom Museum

The McCormick Tribune Freedom Museum (www.FreedomMuseum.US) inspires generations to better understand, value and protect freedom. Through interactive exploration, visitors gain a greater understanding of the struggle for freedom in the United States and the role the First Amendment plays in society. The McCormick Tribune Freedom Museum is part of the McCormick Tribune Foundation team, which also includes the Robert R. McCormick Museum, Cantigny Park and Golf, the Cantigny First Division Foundation and five grant making programs.

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