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Massachusetts Lt. Governor Tim Murray to Appear at Opening Ceremonies for 10th Annual Cal Ripken 12-Year Old World Series in Winchester

Winchester, MA, August 6, 2009 -- The Winchester (MA) Sachem Youth Baseball / Softball Association is pleased to announce that Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Timothy P. Murray will appear at the opening ceremonies for the 10th Annual Cal Ripken 12-Year Old World Series on August 12, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. on Robert J. Nutile Field in Winchester. Lt. Governor Murray will also take a few moments to speak to the players, coaches, families and fans in attendance.

SYBS President Bob Nutile said, "We're excited, honored and grateful that Lt. Governor Murray will join us for the World Series' opening ceremonies." Nutile added, "His presence will send a terrific, inspirational message to the young baseball players who will be playing in the tournament as well as our guests from across Massachusetts, New England and the country who are coming to Winchester for this national tournament."

While the opening ceremonies will feature the players, coaches and teams participating in the World Series, the evening will also feature a live performance by Ayla Brown, an outstanding young singer and songwriter who recently earned national acclaim with her appearance on *American Idol*. Ms. Brown, a senior at Boston College, is also an outstanding basketball player who started 30 games last season as a guard for the Eagles.

The 2009 Cal Ripken World Series tournament will feature ten 12-year old teams from all across the United States, including Winchester (host), Visalia, California, South Lexington, Kentucky, Waite Park, Minnesota, West Lewis County, Washington, Johnson County, Arkansas, Rainbow City (Coosa), Alabama, Kingsbridge, NY, Burlington, Massachusetts (New England Regional champion), and Raynham, Massachusetts (Eastern Massachusetts state champion).

When the games begin, the World Series teams will be divided into two pools of five teams. Each team will play four games. All games will be played at Winchester's Robert J. Nutile Field. The top team in each pool will advance to the semifinals; the second and third place teams in each pool will play in single-elimination quarterfinal games to determine the other two semifinal slots. The semifinal winners will meet in the World Series championship game on August 20th at 6 p.m. and play for the national title.

Nutile, a 43-year veteran of Winchester youth baseball, added, "The Cal Ripken World Series represents a truly unique opportunity for the kids and our community. The quality of the baseball played here will be unlike anything New England has ever seen."

Tickets for the 2009 Cal Ripken World Series for 12-year olds are available online via the SYBS website at <http://www.winchesterworldseries.com/>. Ticket options will include individual game passes, tournament packages and family packages. The World Series web site also contains information about local travel and events, scheduling, media credentials, sponsorships, and the like.

During the tournament, the Winchester Chamber of Commerce (25 Waterfield Road) will serve as the Cal Ripken World Series Headquarters. Out of town visitors and others arriving by car or commuter rail may visit the Headquarters location to obtain suggestions about dining, shopping, tourism and other activities to enhance their stay in Winchester and the Greater Boston area.

For additional information about the Cal Ripken World Series in Winchester, internet users should visit the SYBS website at: <http://www.winchesterworldseries.com/>.

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