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Fontana, Fasano Celebrate North Haven “Walk It/Bike It to School Connecticut” Winners

State Representative Steve Fontana (D-North Haven) and State Senator Len Fasano (R-North Haven) on Wednesday, July 22nd celebrated Ridge Road Elementary School’s 2nd and 3rd place victories in the Department of Transportation’s “Walk It/Bike It to School Connecticut” contest.

During the 2009-2010 school year, teachers from schools all around Connecticut registered their classes and kept track of students’ mileage. The Annino’s Awe-inspiring 4’s from Ridge Road took 2nd place, clocking 1629 miles and Ms. Sandy Pavkov’s Priceless 4/5’s from Ridge Road logged 1273 miles taking 3rd place.

"I'm pleased that Sen. Fasano and I could acknowledge the dedication of the kids in Mr. Oneto's and Mrs. Pavkov's classes by hosting a party for them," **Rep. Fontana** said. "I'm very proud of them for coming up with this simple, but effective, way to think of others and make a difference. It's yet another example of what makes North Haven a special community."

"This is a great program and I am impressed these kids and their teachers took the initiative to get involved," **said Sen. Fasano**. "They should be very proud of their accomplishments. Anything we can do to get our young people active and outdoors is a great thing. By encouraging safe walking and biking to school, the state and the teachers at Ridge Road have done a great service to our children. I hope to see more schools participating next year."

Rep. Fontana and Sen. Fasano hosted a pizza party Wednesday to congratulate the students and their teachers. The school had also been honored at the state capitol in May.

To learn more about the “Walk It/Bike It to School Connecticut” program and how to get involved, visit: www.walkitbikeitct.org.

Caption for attached photo: Rep. Fontana and Sen. Fasano present government citations to teachers Mike Annino and Sandy Pavkov congratulating them and their classes.

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