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### **SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS RECOGNIZES THE NATIONAL ROBOTICS COMPETITION AWARD WINNING FOSHAY LEARNING CENTER ROBOTICS TEAM**

**LOS ANGELES** – Highlighting the best of the Second District, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas today honored the 25-member Foshay Learning Center Robotics Team, winners of the Industrial Safety Award at the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology's (FIRST) Robotics Championship held recently in Atlanta, GA.

“The Foshay Learning Center Robotics Team 597, known as the "Wolverines" has done tremendous work in distinguishing themselves from other robotics teams in the competition,” Supervisor Ridley-Thomas said.

The team traveled to the national competition in April, where they emerged victorious, successfully building and programming a robot to perform prescribed tasks against a field of competitors, earning them one of 26 national awards sponsored by Underwriters Laboratories.

The Industrial Safety Award recognizes the team that progresses beyond safety fundamentals by using innovative ways to eliminate or protect against hazards.

In addition to earning the Industrial Safety Award, the Foshay team was also publicly recognized for its outstanding service in the community.

The Foshay Learning Center was the only representative of the Los Angeles Unified School District. The team earned an invitation to this year's FIRST

Championship after winning the Regional Chairman's Award during the inaugural Utah Regional competition held March 17-13.

The FIRST program and annual competition encourages innovation and fosters self-confidence, communication, and leadership in students. More than 1,800 teams representing high schools from 12 countries and the United States competed in the ultimate robotics challenge that combines sport with the rigors of science and technology. The competition celebrates science and technology through robotics competitions worldwide.

FIRST inspires young people to be science and technology leaders by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering, mathematics and technology skills. The Foshay team had engineering mentors from Northrop-Grumman and Raytheon.

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