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RE: THE 2008-2009 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

WHEREAS, national scholars receive scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation; and

WHEREAS, more than 15,000 national scholarship semifinalists were chosen from an initial PSAT/NMSQT which served as an initial screening of the more than 1.3 million program entrants from

more than 22,000 high schools nationwide; and

WHEREAS, more than 8,000 students were selected as national scholar finalists; and

WHEREAS, finalists had to present an outstanding academic record; be endorsed and