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**MAYOR REDD & ASSEMBLYMAN WILSON WELCOME HOME CREATIVE ARTS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM THE NEW ORLEANS ANNUAL JAZZ & HERITAGE FESTIVAL**

*Group Wins A Total of 19 Awards*

**CAMDEN** – Mayor Dana L. Redd and Assemblyman Gilbert L. “Whip” Wilson today welcomed home students from Creative Arts High School who successfully competed in the New Orleans Annual Jazz and Heritage Festival. Also joining in the celebration were Camden City Board of Education President Susan Dunbar-Bey, School Board member Martha F. Wilson, Creative Arts High School Principal Dr. Davida L. Coe-Brockington, Camden Police Chief John Scott Thomson, many parents.

“I am extremely proud of all the awards and accomplishments the Creative Arts High students achieved at the New Orleans Annual Jazz and Heritage Festival,” Mayor Redd said. “We are all very proud of how they represented Camden, winning a total of 19 awards. Their hard work and dedication truly demonstrate that there is so much potential within our students just waiting to shine.”

“These students represented the City of Camden and New Jersey’s fifth legislative district in the highest fashion,” said Assemblyman Wilson. “It is only appropriate to welcome home these students by celebrating their accomplishments and making sure the region knows of those achievements.”

In total and under the direction of Patricio Acevedo, Jamal Dickerson, Suzzette Ortiz and Arthur Taylor, the Creative Arts High School Jazz Band, the Concert Choir, and the String Ensemble collectively won 19 awards. Some of their accomplishment included: Silver in Vocal Jazz Ensemble; Gold in Show Choir; Gold in Jazz Band; Gold in Mix Choir; Silver in Percussion Ensemble; Silver in Treble Choir, Bronze in Orchestra; Bronze String Ensemble; Outstanding in Show Choir; Jazz Band; String Ensemble; and four students also won Maestro Awards.

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