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JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AND FLINT HILLS RESOURCES ROUND UP FUNDS FOR EDUCATION AT BOWLATHON

(Corpus Christi, TX) Cowboys and cowgirls donned bandanas and western hats and picked up their bowling balls to “round up” funds for Junior Achievement at the 5th Annual Bowl-a-thon, dubbed Western Bowl, today at Saratoga Lanes, with Flint Hills Resources as the John Wayne title sponsor.

“More than 125 five-member teams from Corpus Christi companies, including Flint Hills Resources, HEB, SBC Communications, Valero Refining, Wells Fargo Bank, International Bank of Commerce of Corpus Christi, KZTV, Coca Cola, and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce will participate in the charity bowling event,” said Jayne Woodall, Junior Achievement district director. “We especially appreciate the continuous support of Flint Hills Resources. The company has underwritten the event for the last five years, helping us raise more than \$200,000.”

The event raised more than \$51,000 last year. Junior Achievement hopes to “round up” \$60,000 at this year’s Western Bowl.

“We are glad to support the educational values and economic concepts provided by Junior Achievement,” said Rich Tuttle, director of regional public affairs for Flint Hills Resources. “Funds raised by the annual Bowl-a-thon enable Junior Achievement to expand its economic education programs in Corpus Christi and help provide our youth with essential information to help them make wise economic decisions. An understanding of these life skills and concepts will help them become productive members of society.”

Each five-member team is sponsored by a company and must secure at least \$250 in pledges. Each team member is encouraged to ask friends, family and co-workers for contributions for their team. The annual Bowl-a-thon is the major fundraiser for Junior Achievement.

Junior Achievement is the largest, fastest-growing non-profit economic education organization in the world. In operation since 1919, JA reaches more than 5 million elementary, middle and high school students in the U.S. and another 1,000,000 students in almost 100 countries worldwide. In 2004, Junior Achievement of the Coastal Bend will reach more than 11,000 students.

Flint Hills Resources is a leading producer of fuels, base oils for lubricants, and other petrochemical products, based in Wichita, Kansas. The company employs more than 900 at the Corpus Christi complex, which has a 300,000 barrel-per-day processing capability. More information about the company is available at www.fhr.com.