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LOCAL FIGURE SKATER WINS U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP

Browning Honors Five-Year Old Champion from Shirley



(Legislator Kate Browning, far right, is standing with Grace Ann Rizzitello, bottom right, and the Rizzitello family in Riverhead at the legislature's August 17 meeting)

Riverhead, NY — Grace Ann Rizzitello, a five-year old figure skater from Shirley, was honored by Legislator Kate Browning (WF-Shirley) at the Suffolk County Legislature's August 17 general meeting in Riverhead. Grace Ann recently took first place at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships on August 1, 2010 at "The Rinx" in Hauppauge.

Grace Ann has always expressed an interest in figure skating and started training at "The Rinx" in April 2010 at the age four. In just four weeks after beginning her training Grace Ann entered her first competition in May 2010 in the category "1st Level Basic Skills" where she took third place.

She worked hard over the next two months, turning five on June 19, and entered the U.S. Championships at "The Rinx". There were over 150 competitors that competed in various categories. Skaters came from all over the nation and as far as Texas. Grace Ann took first place and has shown amazing skills in such a short period of time by practicing twice a week.

"Grace Ann is a young star on the rise," stated Legislator Kate Browning. "She is setting a great example for her peers and has represented the Shirley community with pride. Her parents should be so proud of her and I was happy to be able to honor her for this tremendous accomplishment. For Grace Ann the sky is the limit."

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