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The Honourable Claudette Tardif, Ph.D., Senator

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**Senator Claudette Tardif salutes the participants in the fifth annual
*Sommet de Débat de l'honorable Claudette Tardif***

EDMONTON (May 6 and 7, 2011) – Senator Claudette Tardif was very proud and pleased to welcome close to 30 high school students at the fifth edition of the *Sommet de Débat de l'honorable Claudette Tardif* at the Campus Saint-Jean. This annual debating event promotes public speaking in French among young francophones and francophiles in Alberta.

“I firmly believe in this event, which showcases the public speaking talent of our young people and develops these skills in a fun and friendly competition,” said Senator Tardif.

The event finalists this year were Javeen Pawa and Joshua Bateman, French immersion students from Harry Ainlay High School in Edmonton. The semi-finalists were from William Aberhart High School in Calgary. The prize for the best speaker from a francophone school went to Stéphanie Schneider, a young woman from École Maurice-Lavallée in Edmonton.

Senator Tardif would like to thank the organizers from the University of Alberta Debate Society, the teachers in attendance and the volunteers who worked hard to make this event happen. She offers her sincere congratulations to the participants in the *Sommet de Débat de l'honorable Claudette Tardif 2011* for their efforts and speeches. Bravo!



Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Senate

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