

WASHINGTON, DC – This week, the Youth PROMISE Act (H.R. 1064/S. 435), introduced in the House of Representatives by Representatives Bobby Scott (D-VA) and Mike Castle (R-DE) and in the United States Senate by Senators Bob Casey (D-PA) and Olympia Snowe (R-ME), receives a major boost from localities, juvenile justice advocates and Hollywood.

The Youth PROMISE Act has been endorsed by localities throughout the country, including the City of Los Angeles, California; the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; the County of Santa Fe, New Mexico; the City of Pasadena, California; the City of Newport News, Virginia; the City of Norfolk, Virginia; and the City of Hampton, Virginia. Resolutions endorsing the Youth PROMISE Act are also currently pending before the City of Portsmouth, VA and the City of Richmond, VA and several mayors from around the country have written letters of support.

These important endorsements precede a week of events on Capitol Hill in support of the Youth PROMISE Act.

On Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., Representatives Bobby Scott and Mike Castle will host a screening of the film “Crips & Bloods: Made in America” in the South Orientation Theatre at the Capitol Visitor Center. Also attending the screening will be the film’s director, Stacy Peralta, producers Baron Davis and Cash Warren, and Los Angeles City Councilmember Tony Cárdenas. Because space is limited, RSVP for the screening is required. Please call Representative Scott’s Washington Office at (202) 225-8351 to RSVP.

On Thursday, May 7, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., Representative Scott will speak at a forum in support of the Youth PROMISE Act, hosted by a coalition of advocate organizations, on Capitol Hill (location TBD).

For more information on the Youth PROMISE Act, please visit: <http://www.bobbyscott.house.gov/ypa>

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