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**Thomas Promotes Little League Baseball at
“Stars and Strikes” D.C. Youth Baseball Showcase**

Washington, DC—Ward 5 Councilmember Harry “Tommy” Thomas, Jr. will throw the first pitch at the “Stars and Strikes” D.C. Youth Baseball Showcase, to be held on Saturday, July 5, 2008, from 9 am to 10 pm. He will also provide remarks about the importance of reviving youth baseball at 2 pm. Event details are listed below.

“Stars and Strikes”—sponsored by Little League Baseball, the D.C. Department of Recreation, the Greater Washington Sports Alliance, Foggy Bottom Youth Baseball Foundation, First Swing—will include tee-ball games in the morning, softball and little league baseball games in the afternoon, as well as instructional baseball clinics and a host of other activities designed to entertain and challenge kids. A cookout will start in the afternoon, and the evening will end with a fireworks display.

“We are celebrating the beginning of the renaissance of youth baseball in the District,” said Councilmember Thomas. Thomas, Chair of the D.C. City Council’s Committee on Libraries, Parks and Recreation, has been instrumental in facilitating the expansion of little league baseball throughout the city. “As a father of a young baseball player and a former softball player myself, I want to expose the city’s kids to these and other swing sports. The team work and discipline that swing sports can provide will be skills that our children can carry into adulthood.”

Who: DC Councilmember Harry “Tommy” Thomas, Jr. (D-Ward 5)
What: “Stars and Strikes” D.C. Youth Baseball Showcase
When: 9 am to 10 pm, Saturday, July 5, 2008 (First Pitch: 9 am; Remarks: 2 pm)
Where: Fort Lincoln Recreation Center, 3100 Fort Lincoln Drive NE,