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Local School Celebrates Diversity

FALLS CHURCH, VA October 19, 2007 – A parade of flags representing more than 90 nations was respectfully marched through the auditorium of The Congressional Schools of Virginia on Friday during the school's 20th annual International Day celebration. The flags, each one donated by a member of the Congressional community, are a source of pride and a reminder of the rich global diversity of the school population.

During the ceremony, students and other members of the school's community presented four new flags including the flags of Bermuda, Columbia, Zambia and the flag of the Iroquois Nation. The event also featured numerous international musical and dance performances by the students including a Lion Dance to music from Singapore, a Hungarian sonatina on the piano as well as an international fashion show, with students highlighting the traditional dress of their native or ancestral heritage.

"This is a wonderful event that celebrates the global diversity of the children, families and staff at Congressional," commented Seth Ahlborn, Head of School. "Although International Day is the biggest event in celebration of our cultural and international diversity, each day our students are learning about the world, not just from books, but first-hand from each other."

The Congressional Schools of Virginia is located on Sleepy Hollow Road in Falls Church, VA. An independent, coed day school founded in 1939, Congressional enrolls 375 children from pre-school through grade 8. As part of the schools' mission to educate the whole child, its teaching goes beyond academics to enable students to become productive members of society. Giving

back to the community is an important part of the schools' values. For more information visit:
www.congressionalschools.org.

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Picture Caption: Congressional Schools of Virginia students Samantha Cynn (left) and Tyler Yun wear native Korean dress during the schools International Day celebration on October 19th.