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**SADD STUDENT OF THE YEAR MEETS WITH SEN. RICHARD SHELBY
ABOUT TRAFFIC SAFETY**

Marlborough, Mass. – Sasha Willingham, a resident of Russellville, Ala., and 2007-2008 SADD National Student of the Year, met with Sen. Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) at his office in Washington, D.C., earlier this month. Willingham was in town attending a NOYS (National Organizations for Youth Safety) meeting.

“As SADD Student of the Year, I strive to make a difference and influence teens across the nation to make better life choices,” Willingham said. “It was an honor to meet Senator Shelby, who has provided great support and leadership surrounding the issue of traffic safety.”

A freshman at Jacksonville State University, Willingham has been a dedicated SADD student for seven years and has been very involved with the organization at the local, state, and national levels. She previously served as a member of the Executive Committee of the 2006-2007 SADD National Student Leadership Council and a member of the Alabama SADD Student Leadership Council.

SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) is a national student-based organization with chapters in thousands of middle schools, high schools, and colleges across the country. Its mission is to provide students with youth education, prevention, and activism tools to effectively address issues such as underage drinking, substance abuse, impaired driving, and teen violence and suicide. SADD sponsors 216 chapters in middle schools, high schools, and colleges in Alabama. For more information about SADD, visit www.sadd.org.