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### **National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere Names Local Student to 2012-2013 Youth Advisory Board**

*Brady Ledbetter, Junior at Ira High School,  
Named to National Advisory Board*

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IRA, TX. (August 23, 2012)— Carleen Wray, executive director of the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE), has announced that Brady Ledbetter, a junior at Ira High School, has been selected as one of six high school students from across the country to serve on the 2012-2013 National SAVE Youth Advisory Board (YAB). Members of the board met in Raleigh, NC last week to participate in a National Youth Leadership Institute where they were trained as presenters and spokespersons for the national organization. At the Institute, Ledbetter was elected by his peers to serve as Outreach Coordinator.

*“As a National Youth Advisory Board Member, I want to see schools and communities change by youth being actively involved in preventing youth violence.”* stated Mr. Ledbetter. *“Last year I learned so much from having the experience of being a YABer, I feel that I have grown so much as a person and a leader.”* In addition, Ledbetter hopes that *“In the upcoming school year, our SAVE chapter will start additional chapters in our area. We plan to host the 3rd Annual West Texas SAVE Summit as well as conduct numerous teen safety activities including focusing on teen safe driving.”* Ledbetter has also been a member of the Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Students, throws the discus in track, and is very involved in his church and all of its activities.

Members of the YAB developed their leadership skills through participation in training sessions, discussions of best practices for school violence prevention and the practice of educational activities for sharing with other SAVE students. They created goals for the year as well as a proactive action plan to combat violence through the implementation of the three essential elements of SAVE: crime prevention, conflict management and service projects.

SAVE is a student-run, student-initiated public nonprofit violence prevention organization with over 2,000 chapters in 48 states and more than 200,000 members in elementary, middle, high schools, colleges and communities nationwide.

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#### **About the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere:**

SAVE started at West Charlotte High School in Charlotte, N.C. in 1989 following the tragic death of a student who was trying to break up a fight at an off-campus party. Students met first to console each other, then as an organization to promote violence prevention and to work together to prevent future incidents from occurring. SAVE provides education about the effects and consequences of violence and helps provide safe activities for students, parents and communities. For more information on SAVE or starting a SAVE chapter, visit [www.nationalsave.org](http://www.nationalsave.org), or contact SAVE at (866) 343-SAVE to receive free start-up materials and guidance.

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