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## MICHAEL J. RUBIO

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SUPERVISOR - FIFTH DISTRICT

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### **Rubio Receives Statewide Service Award**

*Supervisor Rubio is recipient of the prestigious John F. Kennedy Jr. Leadership Award*

**Bakersfield** – In front of a sold out California Democratic Party Convention dinner, Kern County Supervisor Michael Rubio was awarded the prestigious John F. Kennedy Jr. award for outstanding public service. The award is given annually to an outstanding young Democrat in the state of California who exemplifies leadership and commitment to his community.

“In just a few months in office, Supervisor Rubio has already shown that young leaders can have a positive impact on the issues most important to our communities,” said California Democratic Chairman Senator Art Torres, Ret. “He certainly has a bright future ahead of him.”

John F. Kennedy, Jr. encouraged young people from all walks of life to become involved in public service and to constructively interact with the important issues of the day. In that same spirit, the California Democratic Party established the John F. Kennedy, Jr. Award for outstanding public service by a young person in California. The first awards were presented at the 2000 State Convention.

“It is with great honor that I accept this award,” said Rubio. “My term as Supervisor will be successful if I am able to inspire one young person to participate in our democratic process.”

In addition to the award, Supervisor Rubio was also given a copy of John F. Kennedy’s book “*Profiles in Courage*.” This year’s convention was held at the Los Angeles Convention Center and was attended by over 2,500 delegates. Supervisor Rubio shared the stage with Democratic State Party Chairman Senator Art Torres (Ret.) and National Democratic Party Chairman Howard Dean. Rubio is honored to be the recipient of the 2005 John F. Kennedy Jr. Leadership Award.