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### **Rep. Royce Announces CA-39 Congressional App Challenge Winners**

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U.S. Representative Ed Royce (R-Fullerton) announced the winners of this year's Congressional App Challenge, **Andrew Rojas, Santiago Torres, and Eric Liu of Los Altos High School**, students that created **Drop Saver**, a mobile application created to help smartphone users manage their water usage.

A panel of **independent judges** determined the winning team of the competition that featured mobile applications created by high school students from California's 39th Congressional District.

Rep. Royce announced their decision at the Competition's Exhibit and Awards Ceremony **tonight**. Hacienda La Puente Unified School District Superintendent Cynthia Parulan-Colfer, Board President Penny Fraumeni, and Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Dr. Judy Fancher were in attendance. Los Altos High School Principal Cheli McReynolds and Los Altos Academy of Engineering Advisor Ed Richter were also present.

Los Altos High School and the winning developers will have **Drop Saver** displayed in the United States Capitol.

"I'm continually blown away by the talent of our community's young people. The Congressional App Challenge encourages students to develop critical STEM skills, all while they have fun. Congratulations to Los Altos High School and all of the participating teams. I know all of the competitors have bright futures ahead of them," said **Rep. Royce**.

"The idea of a water-saving app is awesome! We definitely need it in California," said **judge Chi Ni**, founder of Straight A, Inc., on competition winner **Drop Saver**.

"The **Drop Saver** app addresses a critical issue that impacts everyone in California. The app has a user-friendly interface including sliding bars for users to input their own water use," said judge **Simon Evans** of the Los Angeles District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

**Drop Saver** is an app designed to help California, as well as the rest of the world's people with access to a smartphone, save water. Fresh water, especially in California, is at an all-time low and the app helps by allowing users to keep track of water usage, making it easier to cut waste.

Second place was awarded to **ePoints**, created by **Aidan Crowley and Aliana Garcia of Rosary Academy**. The app simplifies the process of teachers' keeping track of points awarded to students in class.

**Thanasi Bakis, Matthew Kuykendall, and Daniel Shirley of Troy High School** were awarded third place for their creation, **My Chores**. The simple and helpful Android application has two goals: keeping users to-do lists organized, and rewarding users for every chore they complete.

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