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JGFDS-PR-290 RIALTO TEACHER NAMED EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT DAN FLORES AT (909) 387-4565

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Board congratulates Rialto teacher as Educator of the Year

**SAN BERNARDINO** – Milor High School English teacher Flora Fitzhugh was congratulated Tuesday by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors for being named Educator of the Year

"I'm glad to be recognized for all my years but the real credit belongs to the students for enriching my experience as a teacher," said Fitzhugh.

Fitzhugh finds it most effective to lead classes with an open and honest mindset towards her students.

"It is important to validate every student as a unique individual and let them know they have something to offer. Respect them and above all be honest and real; don't be afraid to undress feelings and emotions," said Fitzhugh.

The award is given annually by the California League of High Schools (CLHS) to 11 educators representing regions throughout California. Each of the 11 finalists will be honored at the CLHS Annual Conference in which one will be announced as CLHS High School Educator of the Year.

"I celebrate the recognition of Flora Fitzhugh in educating our children and ensuring that they reach their full potential as students and subsequently productive members of our community," said Supervisor Josie Gonzales.

In reflecting on the award, Fitzhugh made recognition of the special importance her students have in her life, "I'm a better person because of all the students that came through my door."

The CLHS "Educator of the Year" is an annual award given to 11 educators, representing regions throughout California who exemplify educational excellence and have made significant efforts to implement elements of educational reform in high schools. Nominees may be teachers, administrators, counselors, or other certificated personnel. For more information on the CLHS or nomination process, visit leagueofschools.org or call (562) 430-3136.

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