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# J2507-2011: Honoring Gertrude Shaffer upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Global Educator Award

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## J2507-2011 Actions

- Jun 14, 2011: ADOPTED
- Jun 14, 2011: REPORTED TO CALENDAR FOR CONSIDERATION
- Jun 10, 2011: REFERRED TO FINANCE

## J2507-2011 Text

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Gertrude Shaffer upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Global Educator Award

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals in the teaching profession who distinguish themselves in their dedication and commitment to their students; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Gertrude Shaffer upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Global Educator Award; she received this most auspicious award during the Teachers' Conference on Human Rights at the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, A woman of vision and action, Gertrude Shaffer is an English teacher at South Seneca Middle School, in rural upstate New York; and

WHEREAS, Gertrude Shaffer nurtures her students to become world citizens through her Innovative Human Rights curriculum; the "Words to Deeds" service learning framework, taught for a decade, encompasses the "Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Millennium Development Goals" ideals; and

WHEREAS, Gertrude Shaffer's collaboration with the United Nations Department of Information and NGO Global Education Motivators, focuses on annual themes such as the eradication of poverty, respecting the rights of indigenous peoples, the impact of climate change on human rights, addressing the HIV/AIDS pandemic, and promoting access to fresh water for all, to name a few; international videoconferencing brings the

world into her classroom; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable teacher's extraordinary vision has brought her students "Words to Deeds" service learning project ideas to fruition through countless humanitarian projects and has shared results with Delta Kappa Gamma, Cornell University, various universities and colleges, and the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, Some of the projects which Gertrude Shaffer's students have worked on include infant quilts for American Red Cross fire victims, fundraisers for local animal shelters, flood relief, UNICEF, Toys for Tots, Habitat for Humanity, a cancer hospital, Christmas angel tree gifts, food pantries, Hurricane Katrina victims and many more; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Gertrude Shaffer involves her students in energetic fundraising projects, including bake sales and sport tournaments, impacting approximately 200 middle school students, 45 staff, and the community; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her career thus far, Gertrude Shaffer has brought an uncompromising standard of excellence to her work and a warm sense of caring and concern to every young person she educates; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Gertrude Shaffer upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Global Educator Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gertrude Shaffer.

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*Congratulations  
and warmest wishes!  
Mike*