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Commissioner of Education Dwight D. Jones Congratulates Troops to Teachers' Teacher of the Year, Roosevelt Dickerson of Denver's East High School

Colorado Commissioner of Education Dwight D. Jones today congratulated East High School teacher Roosevelt Dickerson for being named the Troops to Teachers' Teacher of the Year.

Dickerson, a special education teacher and retired U.S. Air Force chief master sergeant, was honored by the U.S. Department of Defense at its annual Worldwide Convention in Atlanta.

"Congratulations and hats off to Roosevelt Dickerson for his outstanding service as a top-notch instructor and first-class role model for students at Denver's East High School," said Commissioner Jones. "This is an honor that reflects well on the district and indeed the whole state. Troops to Teachers is an outstanding program and we are proud to partner with them to provide meaningful opportunities to those who have proudly served our country."

The award honors teachers who answered their country's call by serving honorably in the U.S. armed forces and who now proudly serve again as educators.

Dickerson started his teaching experience during his 30-year career with the military. His merits include honor graduate of the U.S. Air

Force Instructor School as well as U.S. Air Force education and Training command master instructor and distance learning author.

Troops to Teachers (TTT) enriches the quality of American education by helping place mature, motivated, experienced and dedicated teachers in classrooms around the country.

More than 13,000 separated, retired and active military and reserve component service members – a high percentage of whom are men and minorities – have utilized their leadership skills and the military values of community, responsibility and teamwork to become highly successful public school teachers throughout the country.

TTT offices are located nationwide to advise and counsel applicants on what requirements are necessary to become employed in public schools. TTT also provides eligible applicants financial assistance—a \$5,000 stipend to help defray education expenses associated with licensing and up to \$10,000 if an applicant teaches in a high-needs school.

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