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News Release

State Board Member Jane Goff Receives Friend Of Foreign Languages Award By The Colorado Congress of Foreign Language Teachers

Colorado State Board of Education Member Jane Goff was recognized last week for her contributions to the teaching and learning of world languages.

The Colorado Congress of Foreign Language Teachers presented Goff with the Friend of Foreign Languages Award at the group's annual spring conference. The award luncheon was held Thursday, Feb. 25 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Colorado Springs.

"Jane is a highly committed and outstanding professional leader who influences the lives and the community of Colorado educators and students," said Janine Erickson and Toni Theisen, State World Language Advisory Council Co-Chairs in their nomination of Goff to the CCFLT Awards Committee. "She truly demonstrates that education is her highest priority. Her energy for educational success for all is indeed strong, sincere and determined."

Goff, a resident of Arvada, represents the 7th Congressional District on the Colorado State Board of Education. She is both a graduate and a retired employee of Jefferson County Public Schools, where she enjoyed a 34-year career as a classroom teacher, curriculum coordinator and association leader. Goff taught middle and high school French and Spanish from 1972 until 2003, when she was appointed Jeffco's Coordinator of World Languages and International Student Exchange.

Goff serves as the state board's liaison to the State World Language Advisory Council and regularly attends its annual meeting, often participating in panel discussions and presenting her view from the state level perspective. This year Goff provided valuable insight and advice to the world language teachers as they wrote the new Colorado Model Content Standards for World Languages.

Photos are available upon request.

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