

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:		October 2016	
<p>CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING A RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF DARBIE VALENTI, MISSOURI TEACHER OF THE YEAR</p>			
STATUTORY AUTHORITY:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Section 161.092, RSMo		Consent Item	Action Item
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Report Item
<p>DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 3:</p> <p>Missouri will prepare, develop, and support effective educators.</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>The Department recently announced the selection of Ms. Darbie Valenti, an elementary school teacher in the Savannah R-3 District, as Missouri's Teacher of the Year for 2016-2017. As a result of this recognition, Ms. Valenti also becomes Missouri's candidate for the 2017 National Teacher of the Year program.</p> <p>Ms. Valenti has been teaching for 14 years and has been in her present position at Minnie Cline Elementary since 2013. She was chosen from a field of seven finalists following personal interviews that were conducted by a 12-member selection committee.</p> <p>Ms. Valenti earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education (1-6), Art Education (K-9) and Masters of Science in Education Leadership from Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville.</p> <p>Ms. Valenti, the six state finalists and 24 regional teachers of the year in this year's Teacher of the Year program were formally honored by the Department on Monday, October 24, 2016, at a banquet in Jefferson City.</p> <p>PRESENTER:</p> <p>Paul Katnik, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Educator Quality, will assist with the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION:</p> <p>The Department recommends that the State Board of Education adopt the proposed resolution.</p>			

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Resolution

Whereas, Darbie Valenti has been selected as Missouri's Teacher of the Year for 2016-2017 and will represent nearly 68,000 public school teachers across the state in the National Teacher of the Year Program; and

Whereas, Ms. Valenti has 14 years of teaching experience, including her current position teaching fifth grade mathematics and science at Minnie Cline Elementary School in Savannah, Missouri, elementary teaching positions in King City and Rosendale, Missouri, and as an adjunct professor at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville; and

Whereas, Ms. Valenti excels at making learning meaningful for each student and teacher with whom she interacts and reflects a deep knowledge of research-based instructional practices drawn from her dedication to her own lifelong learning; and

Whereas, Ms. Valenti is an instructional leader in her school, providing professional development for more than 100 of her colleagues in the Savannah R-III School District as well as successfully leading training in active learning strategies for teachers in the Northwest Missouri area; and

Whereas, Ms. Valenti has worked for the Northwest Regional Professional Development Center as a curriculum writer, putting in extra time and effort to ensure that the curriculum resource for her grade level is of the highest quality and truly supports teachers in their instruction; and

Whereas, Ms. Valenti is recognized as the type of educator that parents want for their children and teachers want to teach alongside, and her compassion and dedication are deeply affecting for her students and colleagues; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Missouri State Board of Education formally commends Darbie Valenti on her selection as Missouri's Teacher of the Year for 2016-2017, and extends its congratulations to Ms. Valenti, her students and the Savannah R-III School District; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Board expresses its deep appreciation to Ms. Valenti for her commitment to excellence in teaching and for her outstanding service to her students, school district, community, and public education in Missouri.

Presented October 25, 2016, at Jefferson City, Missouri



Charlie Shields, President
Missouri State Board of Education