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## **GADSDEN TEACHER RECEIVES GUBERNATORIAL RECOGNITION**

Governor Rick Scott and First Lady Ann Scott announced the 2017 Hispanic Heritage Month teacher contest winners on Monday, October 23, 2017. Mrs. Gloria Matos, teacher from Greensboro Elementary School in Gadsden County received recognition as the ***Excellence in Education Award*** winner for the Elementary School Category. Students and educators from throughout the state participated in the Hispanic Heritage Month contest with the theme of "*A Recognition of the Role of Hispanic-Americans in Shaping Florida Today*". Winners were honored during the annual Hispanic Heritage Month reception at the Florida Governor's Mansion.

Florida students and educators across the state were invited to participate in the essay and art contests to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Parents, students, teachers, and principals were also invited to nominate full-time, outstanding educators for the Hispanic Heritage Month Excellence in Education Award. The contest was open to all full-time educators in any elementary, middle, or high school in Florida. Only one winner was selected in each grade category. Other categories of awards included three Essay winners in each grade category and Student Art Contest winners from elementary schools in the state. Volunteer Florida of Tallahassee was a primary business partner working with the Governor's Office handling receipt of contest nominations and other entry materials.

Mrs. Matos was nominated for the award by her peers in Gadsden County. The nomination required explanation of why her peers thought she should receive the award and how she had made an impact in their lives, as well as with her students, school, and community. She was recognized as one of the many influential Hispanic Floridians who selflessly contributes to the educational and economic health of her community in Greensboro and throughout Gadsden County. This contest is a wonderful illustration of the commitment and support the business community and the Governor's Office demonstrate to support Florida's next generation of talent.

Superintendent Roger Milton, along with the School Board of Gadsden County, are extremely proud of Mrs. Matos' recognition and honored her through a private recognition ceremony on Wednesday, November 1 at her school site.

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