

**RESOLUTION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Tribute to Jennifer Brouhard, Winner of California's  
2009 *Preserve America* Elementary History Teacher of the Year**

**Resolution No. 0910-0192**

**WHEREAS**, Jennifer Brouhard, a fifth grade teacher at Glenview Elementary School in the Oakland Unified School District, is the 2009 *Preserve America* Elementary History Teacher of the Year Award California winner; and

**WHEREAS**, Jennifer is committed to improving literacy in history and social science among her students at Glenview Elementary and among all students in California; and

**WHEREAS**, Jennifer has contributed to the History-Social Science Framework Revision for the California Department of Education and has been a presenter and representative of elementary history teachers at many state conferences; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy McTygue, Director of the California History-Social Science Project, says that Jennifer, "has demonstrated an in-depth understanding of the discipline of history, the literacy challenges posed by historical texts, and a substantial commitment to the needs of children and the teachers charged with their instruction."; and

**WHEREAS**, Since 2004, Jennifer has also been a teacher leader for the University of California, Berkeley History-Social Science Project whose mission is to provide standards-based professional development to K-12 teachers, so that they may more effectively teach history-social science and improve their students' literacy skills; and

**WHEREAS**, Jennifer challenges students, not only to think historically, but also to develop other skills such as academic reading, writing, and speaking. Her students get excited about asking and answering historical questions and analyzing primary documents, art, and artifacts as historical sources; and

**WHEREAS**, Donna Leary, director of the History-Social Science Project, who nominated Jennifer for this award, says, "Her work in a large, urban district is testimony that all students, including English learners and low literacy students, can think and learn about history. These skills will ultimately help students mature into informed citizens and leaders prepared to participate fully in our democratic process."; and

**WHEREAS**, Glenview Principal Deitra Atkins who has worked with Jennifer for 15 years noted that, "The staff at our feeder middle school comments on how well prepared Ms. Brouhard's students are for middle school," and added that, "By the time students leave her classroom they know how to critically read a textbook. They have learned how to examine and analyze maps and primary sources. They know how to put all of this

together in a multi-paragraph essay. They leave her classroom with a confidence in their thinking and ready for sixth grade history.”

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Superintendent and the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District salute **Jennifer Brouhard** for exceptional service to the students of OUSD and California and commend her selection as California’s 2009 *Preserve America* Teacher of the Year.

Given under our hand and the District’s seal this 14th day of April 2010 at Oakland, California.

Tony Smith, Ph.D.  
Superintendent  
Oakland Unified School District

Gary Yee  
President, Board of Education  
Oakland Unified School District