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Veterans High Teacher Named a Georgia Teacher of the Year



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – **Ike Thompson**, a Veterans High School English teacher, has been chosen as the **Georgia Council of Teachers of English 2010 High School Teacher of the Year**. The purpose of this award is to recognize excellence in English and language arts instruction.

Thompson will be honored at a Georgia Council of Teachers of English (GCTE) luncheon on Feb. 11, 2011, at Callaway Gardens. He will be presented a \$250 check and a plaque and will also be recognized in GCTE publications.

Thompson commented, “Watching students connect to literature and find the ‘writer’ in them continues to be my passion. I am humbled by my colleagues’ recognition and know I am only one deserving teacher in a state full of deserving teachers.”

Veterans High Principal Lionel Brown commented, “Ike does a great job for our school. I’m glad he’s part of the Veterans High School team. He is most deserving of this prestigious award.”

GCTE is a nonprofit organization with approximately 500 members. It is made up primarily of teachers of English, reading, and literacy at all levels. The organization's aim is the improvement of the teaching and learning of English and language arts in Georgia's elementary, middle and secondary schools and colleges and universities. GCTE provides a variety of services to meet the diverse needs of its members, including annual conferences and workshops and professional development seminars.

Veterans High is located at 340 Piney Grove Road. Thompson may be contacted at Ike.Thompson@hcbe.net or 478-218-7537. For more information, contact Dr. Amy Fouse, Language Arts (6-12) and ESOL Coordinator, at Amy.Fouse@hcbe.net or 478-988-6224, extension 10238.

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