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Mesquite superintendent named Educator of the Year

AUSTIN – Mesquite ISD Superintendent Linda Henrie received top honors when the state’s largest educators group named her Administrator Educator of the Year July 21. Henrie was presented with the honor during the 2011 ATPE Summit Awards Banquet hosted by the Association of Texas Professional Educators at the Austin Convention Center.

“I am both honored and humbled to receive this award,” Henrie said. “There are many dedicated administrators throughout this state who give of themselves each day to students.”

Henrie was one of two finalists for the award. Cheri Dixon, principal of Green Valley Elementary School in Galena Park ISD, was the other finalist.

Henrie was nominated for the award by members of Mesquite ATPE.

“This recognition was very meaningful because it was a nomination from our local unit which is made up mostly of teachers,” Henrie said. “Their support and belief in our vision and mission is a large part of our success.”

Nearly 1,000 people celebrated the achievements of public school educators at the banquet where awards were presented to educators in administrator, associate, elementary and secondary teacher, and special services categories.

Attendees at the four-day ATPE Summit also had the opportunity to attend professional development workshops, participate in the organization’s annual governance meeting, the ATPE House of Delegates, and new state officers for 2011-12.

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The 116,000-member Association of Texas Professional Educators is the largest educators’ group in Texas and the largest nonunion educators’ group nationwide. Its membership consists of classroom teachers, para-educators, administrators, college students and retired educators. ATPE is committed to advocating for better benefits for

all educators, promoting a collaborative work environment and the right of educators to choose the association they feel represents their interests, and providing the best education possible for all Texas school children.