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Esteemed Ladies and Gentlemen of the National Indian Education Association,

As Chairman of the Seminole Tribe I am grateful and proud of Mrs. Shore's selection as 2017 NIEA Elder of the Year. Her selection as recipient of this award only speaks to her dedication and commitment to our Tribe, not only to our youth but also to the survival of our Seminole Language.

Mrs. Shore has shown over the years, while working through the Tribe's culture program, her passion for teaching. She has worked tirelessly to show the youth the importance of our language and culture. Some of those same students today serve in leadership roles for the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

Mrs. Shore is a humble person, she has never sought recognition and accolades for the work she has done, but she has touched many lives in her local community. She is a kind person who helps where she can and only wants everyone to learn their culture and save their language.

Thank you for recognizing her achievements, she has gone above and beyond to earn this recognition.

Sho-Na-Bish & Mvto,

Marcellus W. Osceola, Jr.

“BUT I HAVE PROMISES TO KEEP & MILES TO GO BEFORE I SLEEP”

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Dear Jennie,

I can say that you truly deserve this award and recognition for all that you have done and continue to do for our tribe, and particularly for the Brighton Reservation.

I have watched for many years as you gave yourself for the children and adults of our tribe in many ways. You have been there for the children, teaching them how to be Seminole Indians. You were there to help implement the "Pull-Out Program". You were there to help establish the Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School (PECS). You were steadfast, along with the founders of the school, when there was some apparent opposition to the school. You were there to implement the culture program within PECS. You were there to implement the Language Immersion Program at the school.

You have been there for the families who have lost a loved one. You have been there to show the way to those with less knowledge of the Seminole ways during the annual ceremony. You have been there to help those who we hope will carry on the traditions after you.

When others have retired or moved on, you have remained to carry on your role as the teacher to many and of many things. I have noticed that you enjoy what you do for, and with the children.

If there is another way to thank you, we will find it. Congratulations!

Respectfully,

Andrew J. Bowers, Jr.
Brighton Councilman