



Resolution

By the Honorable Jack Scott, 21st Senatorial District;
Relative to Commending

The Center for the Future of Teaching and Learning

WHEREAS, The skills and knowledge of California's teacher workforce are critical factors in ensuring that all students meet the state's rigorous academic standards and succeed in later life; and

WHEREAS, California's educational leadership is dependent on accurate and timely information in making the important decisions that guide the state's school system; and

WHEREAS, The Center for the Future of Teaching and Learning is a public, not-for-profit organization dedicated to strengthening teacher development policy and practice; and

WHEREAS, The Center for the Future of Teaching and Learning, for over a decade, has been steadfast in the pursuit of its mission to ensure that every student in California's elementary and secondary schools has a well-prepared, effective, and caring teacher; and

WHEREAS, The Center for the Future of Teaching and Learning has provided California's education policy-making community with solid, well-designed research and thoughtfully conceived, practical recommendations that have been of great value to a succession of governors and legislative leaders; and

WHEREAS, The Center for the Future of Teaching and Learning has consistently called the attention of the state's policy-makers to the inequitable and disproportionate assignment of underprepared and novice teachers to challenging schools with large numbers of poor, minority, and English learning students; and

WHEREAS, The Center for the Future of Teaching and Learning has annually provided the state's leadership with a comprehensive report on the "Status of the Teaching Profession," and supplemented this report with "CenterView" and policy briefs that have not only been useful to policy-makers, but to the media and general public as well; and

WHEREAS, The Center for the Future of Teaching and Learning has successfully integrated data on the state's teacher workforce to provide educational leaders with analyses and insights that would otherwise not be available, including a regularly updated ten-year projection of the relationship between the supply of fully prepared teachers and the demand for their services; and

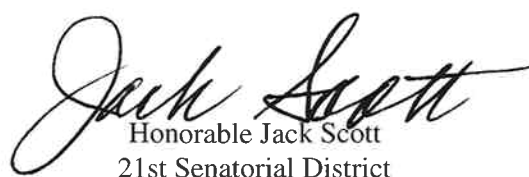
WHEREAS, The Center for the Future of Teaching and Learning effectively applied the lessons learned from the analysis of state level data and assisted the local leaders in Kern County and the tri-county region of Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito use available data to improve their local recruitment, hiring, assignment, and professional development practices; and

WHEREAS, The Center for the Future of Teaching and Learning has been supported by a variety of forward thinking, policy oriented members of the state's philanthropic community, including the Stuart Foundation, William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, James Irvine Foundation, Washington Mutual, and Walter S. Johnson Foundation; and

WHEREAS, The clear, objective, impartial advice provided by the Center for the Future of Teaching and Learning on effective approaches to the strengthening of the state's teaching profession will always be of benefit to California's education leaders; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY SENATOR JACK SCOTT, That he expresses his gratitude to the Center for the Future of Teaching and Learning for its ongoing contributions to the quality of public education in the state, and looks forward to a continued strong working relationship with the organization.

Member Resolution No. 1242
Dated this 15th day of August, 2006.


Honorable Jack Scott
21st Senatorial District