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Local Retiree Honored for Years of Service

The National Education Association of New Mexico bestowed its highest honor to retired Bernalillo teacher and Rio Rancho resident, **Carolyn Mitchell**. Carolyn was inducted into the NEA-NM Hall of Fame at a ceremony in Albuquerque recently for her service to the profession and to NEA. Carolyn split most of her 33 year career between Farmington and Bernalillo, where she taught at all there levels-elementary, middle and high school. She also was highly involved in NEA, serving as local president in both communities and being elected by her fellow members to serve on the NEA-NM Board of Directors from the Northwest Region and also the Central Region.

Earning her teaching degrees from Eastern New Mexico and Adams State, Carolyn was endorsed in Language Arts as well as TESOL-which allowed her to serve emergent English Language Learners. Aside from her teaching duties, she also served at various times as a soccer coach, cheerleading sponsor, Student Council sponsor, class sponsor, along with leading professional development sessions at her schools.

Her NEA involvement included representing members in employee rights, serving in various offices in her locals, doing workshops for ESP members and classroom management classes as an "I Can Do It" certified trainer. Her professional efforts and accomplishments were recognized in 1990 by both Senator Jeff Bingaman and Congressman Steve Schiff with the "Thanks to Teachers" award.

NEA-NM President, Sharon Morgan, writes in support of Carolyn's induction and says, "Carolyn served on several professional committees to advocate for what was best for students and with the same passion, made sure that the voices of all her members were heard as she advocated for them. She is most deserving of this honor."