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## Local Retiree Honored for Years of Service

The National Education Association of New Mexico bestowed its highest honor to retired Roswell teacher, **Suzie Waldrip**. Suzie was inducted into the NEA-NM Hall of Fame at a ceremony in Albuquerque recently for her service to the profession and to NEA. She spent her 29 year career teaching her students by having them actively involved in their learning. Whether it was a field trip to Hobson's Gardens to pick chile to then process at school, doing cooking experiments, making green eggs and ham for NEA Read Across America Day, leading a school-wide effort to send care packages to US soldiers, or having them experience corned beef and cabbage for St. Patrick's Day, Suzie made their learning an experiential lesson.

Relying on only one class rule-"Be Kind"- she involved herself in her students' lives at school and in their outside and home activities; going to their ball games, birthday parties, confirmations, and eventually, their graduations. She also followed the same rule in her Roswell education association involvement; always looking for the positive side and searching for solutions while serving as an Association Representative, REA committees, attending summer Leadership academy, and the NEA national convention.

Suzie continues being an active member of her community through her membership and service with the Does, the DAR, Roswell Humane Society, Alpha Delta kappa, and most importantly to her, The Chaves county assistance League which helps clothe more than 6000 needy students each school year.

As her nominator and former colleague, Betty Madrid, wrote, "Just being around Suzie makes your day a little brighter."