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Connecticut State Board of Education Hartford

To Be Proposed:
June 14, 2023

Whereas, Octavia Gelfman, of Ridgefield, has demonstrated exceptional skill and proficiency in the four subject areas of the high school equivalency examination by attaining a total score of 769 on the GED® tests in 2022; and

Whereas, she is the Connecticut resident with the highest total score on the GED® tests; and

Whereas, she has brought honor to herself, to the State Board of Education and the State of Connecticut; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the State Board of Education honors Octavia Gelfman with great appreciation for her accomplishments in a major adult education endeavor and directs the Commissioner of Education to take the necessary action.

Approved by a vote of _____ this fourteenth day of June, Two Thousand Twenty-Three.

Signed: _____
Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Secretary
State Board of Education

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To: State Board of Education
From: Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Commissioner of Education
Date: June 14, 2023
Subject: Recognition of GED Scholar Award Winner

Executive Summary

Introduction

As stipulated in Section 10-5(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, the tests of General Educational Development (GED®) are the approved examination for earning a Connecticut State High School Diploma. The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) annually honors the individual(s) who attained the highest score on the GED® tests during the previous calendar year.

History/Background

Connecticut's GED® testing program provides an opportunity for youth and adults who are not enrolled in school to obtain their Connecticut State High School Diploma. Since 1971, it is estimated that more than 162,000 Connecticut residents have earned a Connecticut State High School Diploma through the successful completion of the GED® tests. Currently, the GED® tests are offered at 23 test centers across Connecticut.

Recommendation and Justification

The CSDE recommends that the State Board of Education recognize Octavia Gelfman as the GED® Scholar for 2022. She earned a total score of 769 out of a possible 800, which was the highest score attained in Connecticut during 2022.

Ms. Gelfman's achievement brings honor to her, the State Board of Education, and the State of Connecticut. I am pleased to recommend her for recognition as the GED® Scholar for 2022.

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