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**Muscogee County Teacher Achieves  
National Board Certification®  
Local Teacher Meets Nation's Highest Teaching Standards**

(Atlanta, GA)— The teacher quality movement in Georgia has taken another step forward following today's announcement by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS®) that 19 Georgia educators have become National Board Certified Teachers in 2009.

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission is pleased to announce that

*Dorothy Tatmon*

of Muscogee County has achieved this advanced teaching credential.

National Board Certification is a voluntary assessment program designed to recognize and reward great teachers—and make them better. As part of the process, teachers build a portfolio that includes student work samples, assignments, videotapes and a thorough analysis of their classroom teaching. Additionally, teachers are assessed on their knowledge of the subjects they teach.

Created by educators and policymakers in 1987, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) is an independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan and nongovernmental organization. NBPTS advances the quality of teaching and learning by developing professional standards for accomplished teaching; creating and administering National Board Certification, a voluntary system to certify teachers who meet those standards; and integrating certified teachers into educational reform efforts. Over 2000 National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) are making a positive difference in the lives of students across Georgia.

