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FLORIDA LITERACY COALITION RECOGNIZES PALM BEACH COUNTY RESIDENT WITH FLIGHT FOR FREEDOM AWARD

ORLANDO, Florida (May 21, 2010) – The [Florida Literacy Coalition](#) recently recognized Nancy Tamayo de Galvez with it's Flight for Freedom Award for her exceptional accomplishments in improving her English speaking skills, reading and writing. The award was presented at a special banquet held during the annual [Florida Literacy Conference](#) in Captiva, Fla.

In all, six awards were presented during the State Literacy Awards banquet. Nominated by S.B. Idea, a Palm Beach family literacy program, Tamayo de Galvez was honored for her great strides in learning English as a second language to make a better life for herself.

Tamayo de Galvez immigrated to the United States from Mexico in 1995. In 2007, when her son entered kindergarten, she felt her inability to speak English was a direct hindrance to her child's education. She joined the Parent Power Family Literacy Academy and had incredible success improving her literacy skills. As her skills grew, so did her community involvement. She has volunteered hundreds of hours at her son's school, served on a local adult learner leadership board, and is a strong advocate for the Literacy Academy with other local programs. Tamayo de Galvez is continuing her education at Kaiser Career College pursuing a career as a medical assistant and is a

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role model for her son, and her peers.

“Nancy’s accomplishments and leadership skills within the program are impressive,” said Greg Smith, Executive Director of the Florida Literacy Coalition. “She is an inspiration to all of us and we wish her all the best as she continues her education at Kaiser College.”

Smith and Zelda Rogers, Senior Program Director for Adult Education with the Florida Department of Education, presented the award to Julia Clark, Tamayo de Galvez’s tutor, accepting the award on her behalf.

About the Florida Literacy Conference

The 26th annual [Florida Literacy Conference](#), “Open Books Open Minds,” took place May 5-7, at the South Seas Island Resort in Captiva, Fla. The conference offered a diverse selection of interactive workshops led by literacy experts on a variety of topics including adult basic education, literacy, English for speakers of other languages and family literacy. Sponsors of the 2010 Florida Literacy Conference included the Florida Department of Education, Dollar General Literacy Foundation, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida, Publix Super Markets Charities, Florida TechNet and Walmart.

About the Florida Literacy Coalition

Established in 1985, The [Florida Literacy Coalition](#) (FLC) promotes, supports and advocates the effective delivery of quality adult and family literacy services in the state of Florida. As a statewide umbrella literacy organization and the host of Florida’s State Adult and Family Literacy Resource Center, FLC provides a range of services to support more than 300 adult education, literacy and family literacy providers throughout Florida. Special emphasis is placed on assisting community-based literacy

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organizations with training and program development needs. For more information about the FLC call (407) 246-7110 or visit www.floridaliteracy.org.

Photography

Julia Clark, accepting the award on behalf of Nancy Tamayo de Galvez

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