

**BOROUGH OF RED BANK  
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH  
RESOLUTION NO. 11-97**

**A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MARIA ZUFFANTI ON BEING NAMED  
TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR RED BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Ms. Horgan offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**WHEREAS**, Maria Zuffanti received a Master's degree in Instruction and Curriculum and ESL from Kean University and also holds a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with a bilingual endorsement; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Zuffanti has been teaching for nine years and has found being bilingual to be a blessing as it enables parents to feel confident and safe to engage in open communication and has helped her increase parental involvement and support for students education and has also allowed her to help her colleagues on a daily basis to quickly translate communications to and from parents; and

**WHEREAS**, during her years at the Red Bank Primary School she has been involved in different committees to help develop the ESL and Language Arts curriculum and, this year, has taken on the responsibility as Grade Level Leader/School Improvement Team member which has enabled her to demonstrate strong leadership skills in several school initiatives and activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Zuffanti enjoys volunteering for different events held by the school district and says she believes every student has an unlimited potential for learning and that it is her responsibility to unleash it adding that she has high expectations, a caring disposition and patience which she feels promotes student success and she strives to set a positive environment in the classroom where everyone is accountable for their own learning; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of her dedication to the children of Red Bank, Ms. Zuffanti has been named by the Red Bank Primary School as its Teacher of the Year for 2011 and will be honored on Friday, May 20th at the 2011 Monmouth County Superintendents' Teacher Recognition/Educational Services Professionals Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank to commend and congratulate Maria Zuffanti on the accomplishment of being named 2011 Teacher of the Year and, on behalf of the citizens of Red Bank, thank her for her dedication to the Borough's children and express to her the warmest and best wishes for continuing health and happiness.

Seconded by Mr. Zipprich and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Lewis	( x )	(   )	(   )	(   )
Mr. Zipprich	( x )	(   )	(   )	(   )
Mr. DuPont	( x )	(   )	(   )	(   )
Ms. Horgan	( x )	(   )	(   )	(   )
Ms. Lee	( x )	(   )	(   )	(   )
Mr. Murphy	( x )	(   )	(   )	(   )

Dated: May 11, 2011