



National Assessment Governing Board

Approved Unanimously May 17, 2014

Resolution in Memory of Alan J. Friedman

Whereas, Alan J. Friedman served as a member of the National Assessment Governing Board from October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2013; and

Whereas, during his service on the Governing Board, Alan J. Friedman carried out numerous leadership assignments with wisdom, skill, and tact, as a member of the Reporting and Dissemination Committee, the Nominations Committee, and the Executive Committee; as an officer, serving first as Vice Chair and then rising to Chair of the Assessment Development Committee; and as Chair of the Board's 25th Anniversary Planning Committee; and

Whereas, he has left a legacy of substantive, lasting accomplishments through his work on the Governing Board, including the 2014 Technology and Engineering Literacy Assessment, the 2011 computer-based Writing Assessment, the 2009 Science Assessment, the 2013 General Policy for the Conduct and Reporting of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), and as a workshop facilitator at the Governing Board's 2014 National Parent Education Summit, among many others; and

Whereas, the example of his rigorous intelligence, engaging wit, and enormous passion for nurturing others earned him the respect, admiration, and affection of his fellow Board members; and

Whereas, Alan J. Friedman was esteemed as a trusted colleague, inspiring as a creative teacher, revered as a knowledgeable, supportive mentor, and valued as a responsive friend; and

Whereas, he was a brilliant, charming storyteller, using analogy, illustration, and props—most famously a model flying helicopter—to convey complex ideas in simple terms and advance the positions he championed with persuasive precision; and

Whereas, Alan J. Friedman touched the hearts and minds of the children and adults he encountered in encouraging ways that made them strive to be better;

Therefore, be it resolved that the National Assessment Governing Board express its grateful recognition of the important contributions to NAEP and our nation's children made by Alan J. Friedman, and that the Board convey to his family the deep sorrow and sincere sympathy felt upon his untimely death; and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be entered permanently into the minutes of the National Assessment Governing Board.