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GRANDVIEW ISD TEACHER WINS “HERO AWARD”

Score-A-Goal-In The-Classroom and the **Mesquite Championship Rodeo** have named **Randy Looper** as the recipient of the prestigious ***Bayard H. Friedman Chesapeake Energy Hero Award*** for being the most outstanding Agricultural Science teacher in North Texas.

The awards presentation will take place Saturday, August 16, 2008 at the 8 p.m. performance of the Mesquite Championship Rodeo in the Resistol Arena in Mesquite, Texas. The **Bayard H. Friedman Chesapeake Energy Hero Award** has been established, in his memory, to honor outstanding school employees. Mr. Friedman, a renowned civic leader, was a strong proponent of challenging students and educators to continuously strive to raise the level of education and excellence of those in positions of serving our children and communities.

Randy Looper has been teaching Agricultural Science for the past 29 years. Countless thousands of students have benefitted from his patient and amazing teaching skills. This Grandview High School teacher and his teaching partners have been responsible for one of the most outstanding Agricultural Science programs in the state. He shows his caring and love for his students through his daily devotion to be the best teacher he can be.

Our Hero received his Master's degree of Science in Agriculture Education from Tarleton State University, and has served his industry both as a local and state officer in the Agriculture Teacher Association. This native of Cleburne, Texas, and his wife Sue have two sons, Rickey and Robby.

In addition to the “Hero Award” to Mr. Looper, Chesapeake Energy is giving a \$1,000 honorarium to Randy in appreciation for all he does for our children!