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Midland ISD Music Teacher to Receive HERO AWARD

Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale and the **Permian Basin "Teachers Are the Real Heroes" Committee** have named **Randy Storie** as the recipient of the prestigious **Marcia McEntyre Zoffuto Hero Award** for being the most outstanding Instrumental Band Teacher in the Permian Basin. This inaugural awards presentation will take place Saturday, May 8, 2010 at the Commemorative Air Force Museum and Performance Hall during the 8 p.m. performance of the "Pops Series: A TRIBUTE TO THE HEROES" by the Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale.

The **Marcia McEntyre Zoffuto HERO Award** has been established in her memory to honor outstanding Permian Basin music teachers. Ms. Zoffuto, a renowned North Texas instrumental music teacher, was the recipient of the Bayard H. Friedman HERO Award in 2008. She was a strong proponent of challenging students to continuously strive to raise the level of their music talents and celebrate the joy of her community's fine arts.

Randy Storie has made a terrific, positive impact on the Robert E. Lee High School Music Department for the past thirty years. He shows an incredible, near-genius work ethic. His expertise, as well as his joy for expressing his love of music in life, has encouraged and uplifted his entire community. Under Randy's guidance and influence, Robert E. Lee band students have been showcased at many community functions, and the music department there has been recognized as one of the nation's finest!

Mr. Storie received his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Music Education from West Texas A & M University. In addition to the HERO Award, the Permian Basin "Teachers Are the Real Heroes" Committee will be presenting Randy with a \$1,000.00 honorarium for his outstanding contributions to the school and community.