A RESOLUTION

In Honor of 40 Years of Excellence in School Psychology
Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of NASP and 20th Anniversary of the NCSP

WHEREAS the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) represents school psychology and supports school psychologists to enhance the learning and mental health of all children and youth; and

WHEREAS NASP is the largest association of school psychologists in the world, representing over 25,500 practitioners, administrators, university trainers, graduate students, and others helping children and youth achieve their best; and

WHEREAS NASP has made great strides to establish school psychology and the Association as a respected, relevant, and valued leadership force in the effort to prepare ALL children for high academic achievement, healthy development, and responsible citizenship; and

WHEREAS NASP has advanced and upheld school psychology's commitment to excellence in service to children, families, and schools—service that respects and responds to the diversity of individuals, builds on strengths, facilitates collaboration, adheres to evidence-based practice, and results in sustainable, improved outcomes; and

WHEREAS NASP has reinforced this commitment through public education, advocacy for effective policies, and establishment of rigorous professional standards that guide the training, credentialing, practice, and ethical conduct of school psychologists; and

WHEREAS NASP established 20 years ago the National School Psychology Certification System that has elevated national standards and credentialing to align with those of other education and mental health organizations, created greater continuity in practice and credentialing across states, and supported efforts at the state and local level to secure "highly qualified" status and/or financial recognition for school psychologists holding the NCSP; and

WHEREAS NASP is committed to outstanding service to members in support of their important work with children, families, and schools, and, likewise, is strengthened by member participation at all levels of the Association, an open and transparent governance process, and the dedication of volunteer leaders who, in collaboration with national office staff, guide the vision, mission, and quality of NASP programs and services;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Delegate Assembly adopt this Resolution in celebration of these accomplishments to mark the 40th anniversary of NASP and 20th anniversary of the NCSP; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be shared with those gathered on this day in San Jose, California, with the NASP membership, and with NASP partners and other stakeholders dedicated to the achievement and wellness of ALL children.

Presented for adoption on July 19, 2008.