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## **Commissioner Teresa Lubbers to speak at Hear Here Fishers 2010**

Teresa Lubbers, the Commissioner of Higher Education for the State of Indiana, will deliver opening remarks at Hear Indiana's **Hear Here Fishers 2010**. The organization's 28th Annual Conference, presented by Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at St. Vincent, will take place in Fishers, Indiana on October 29, 2010.

Senator Lubbers encourages all Hoosiers to support advocacy individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing.

"One of the goals of the Commission of Higher Education is that 50% of Indiana high-school students will earn a Core 40 with Honors diploma by 2015," said Commissioner Lubbers.

"In order to reach this goal, we support improving public education for all students, including those who are deaf or hard of hearing. Eleven years ago, as a state Senator, I co-authored HB1410, which mandated hearing screening for all Hoosier newborns. That bill has allowed us to identify and treat hearing loss during the critical language-learning years.

Last year less than 40% of students who were hard of hearing or deaf passed their I-STEP exams. The Indiana Commission of Higher Education applauds Hear Indiana for calling on Hoosiers to raise this bar by hosting **Hear Here 2010**, the annual conference to improve the listening and spoken language skills of individuals with hearing loss.

It is my hope that more and more children with hearing loss will graduate from high-school, pursue a post-secondary education, and become successful and independent Hoosiers. Please join me on Friday, October 29, 2010 as we renew our commitment to deaf education and expand our support for adults with a hearing disability in Indiana."

For more information and to register visit: [www.HearIndiana.org/HearHere](http://www.HearIndiana.org/HearHere) or call 317-484-2630.

***About Hear Indiana***

Hear Indiana is the non-profit Indiana chapter of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. For forty years the organization has helped children with hearing loss achieve their fullest potential as independent members of society. Visit [www.HearIndiana.org](http://www.HearIndiana.org) for more information.