National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week was established by a bipartisan congressional resolution that acknowledges the importance of adult education and family literacy, GED Testing Service salutes the work of adult education and training programs, and the commitment of adult learners during National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week. During this week we take time to honor the adult and family literacy educators who train and teach thousands of American adults and families every day. National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week began on September 10(th), 2012. "GED Testing Service is excited to join organizations across the country celebrating National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week," said Nicole M. Chestang, executive vice president of GED Testing Service. "Adult education and family literacy educators work tirelessly year-round to help adult learners gain the basic skills they need to enter the workforce, begin training and education programs, and work to build a better life for themselves and their families."

With nearly 40 million Americans lacking a high school credential, National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week is a time to remind the country of the important role that adult education plays in economic development. Additionally, this week is a time to remind policymakers that our country must continue to invest in and fund adult education and family literacy programs. Adult learners continue to need adequate resources and tools in order to build the necessary skills to succeed in today's competitive economy.

"As the global economy becomes more competitive and a postsecondary credential becomes more important to future success, we must ensure that every American has the training and skills they need to make a meaningful contribution and secure a bright future for themselves and their families," said American Council on Education President Molly Corbett Broad. "Adult and family literacy educators are key partners in this work and on behalf of colleges and universities nationwide, I extend my thanks."

National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week was established by a bipartisan congressional resolution that acknowledges the importance of adult education and family literacy, and the need to support programs serving these individuals. For the fourth consecutive year, Congressman Jared Polis (D-CO) introduced the resolution in the U.S. House of Representatives, and for the second consecutive year, Senators Patty Murray (D-WA) and Lamar Alexander (R-TN) introduced the bipartisan resolution in the U.S. Senate.

To learn more about what GED Testing Service is doing in support of adult learners - including developing of the new 2014 GED test that will be aligned with career and college readiness standards - visit www.GEDtestingservice.com. Or to learn more about National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week, please visit www.national-coalition-literacy.org/advocacy/aefl.html.

About GED Testing Service

The GED test has opened doors to better jobs and college programs for more than 18 million graduates since 1942. Last year nearly 800,000 adults sat for the GED test, which is accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and employers. As the creator of the one official GED test, GED Testing Service has a responsibility to ensure that the program continues to be a reliable and valuable pathway to a better life for the millions of adults without a high school diploma. For more information about GED Testing Service or about the GED Testing Service story, visit www.GEDtestingservice.com/educators/great-things.