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**Marvin Rosenblum, Boothbay Area Educator and Founder of KIDS Consortium  
Honored by the Maine Legislature**

**Edgecomb** – A celebration to honor Marvin Rosenblum of East Boothbay was held on Wednesday, August 20, 5:30 p.m. at Bintliff's Ocean Grille at the Sheepscot Harbour Village & Resort.

A highlight of the event was the presentation of a Legislative Sentiment by Representative Bruce MacDonald of Maine House District 61. The Sentiment, signed by Maine House Speaker Glenn Cummings and Senate President Beth Edmonds, recognized Rosenblum for his vision in creating KIDS Consortium twenty years ago, a non-profit organization that prepares young people to be active and responsible citizens by challenging them to solve real community problems using knowledge and skills learned in the classroom.

In addition to the Sentiment, speakers included Maine educators Trisha Smith of the Holbrook School in Holden and Pender Makin of the REAL School in Windham who spoke about Rosenblum's influence on both faculty and students. Smith thanked Rosenblum for, "taking the time to care, to teach...you've touched many lives, directly and indirectly. It's like a ripple effect and yours are far reaching." The celebration also featured live music by Cahoots and a silent auction and raffle to benefit student involvement in KIDS projects.

Beginning in 1988, Rosenblum worked with municipalities across Maine to encourage broad-based citizenship participation in the comprehensive planning process. His community planning work led to creation of the KIDS Consortium service-learning approach and incorporation of the KIDS Consortium in 1992. Rosenblum, who continues to serve on the KIDS Consortium Board of Directors as Past President, has 55 years of experience in education, job training, and human resources, and has taught all levels from kindergarten through graduate school at such institutions as UCLA's Laboratory School and Stanford's Graduate School of Education.

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