

MARY BAILEY-HENGESH

WHEREAS, Mary Bailey-Hengesh graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education in 1970; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1976, Mary Bailey-Hengesh worked as a transitional teacher in the West Allis School District, West Allis, Wisconsin, while working on a masters degree in exceptional education at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Mary Bailey-Hengesh received her Master of Science Degree in Exceptional Education from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and accepted a job as coordinator for gifted and talented programs in the West Allis School District, a position she held until 1983; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, Mary Bailey-Hengesh accepted a position with the Michigan Department of Education as User Services Coordinator for the Michigan Occupational Information System (MOIS); and

WHEREAS, Mary Bailey-Hengesh became the State Consultant for Talent Development for the Michigan Department of Education in November of 1986; and

WHEREAS, as the State Consultant for Talent Development, Mary Bailey-Hengesh has provided outstanding service to local and intermediate school districts related to the development and evaluation of programs for gifted and talented students across Michigan, and has responsibly coordinated and monitored districts and programs funded with state funds for gifted education; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure in her position, Mary Bailey-Hengesh was instrumental in developing policies, guidelines, and documents providing state level leadership in gifted education, was named Friend of the Gifted in 1997 by the Michigan Alliance for Gifted Education, attended the Education Policy Fellowship Program instituted by the Institute for Educational Leadership in 1995, and has served in leadership positions for numerous state and national organizations devoted to supporting gifted education; and

WHEREAS, Mary Bailey-Hengesh has informed the Michigan Department of Education that she will retire from her active career in education as of January 19, 2001; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education receive with regret the news of the well-deserved retirement of this able and distinguished educator; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education extend to Mary Bailey-Hengesh its highest regard and heartfelt gratitude for the dedication and expertise she has brought to the children of Michigan, their parents, and the school districts she has personally worked with during her career to ensure they receive proper guidance to develop the strengths of gifted individuals; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education forwards its best wishes to Mary Bailey-Hengesh, with the hope that she enjoys many years of happiness, good health, and rewarding experiences during her years of retirement.

Adopted January 10, 2001

Kathleen N. Straus, President

Arthur E. Ellis, Chairman