

State of Michigan
State Board of Education

RESOLUTION

Roberta E. Stanley

WHEREAS, Roberta E. Stanley, prior to joining the Michigan Department of Education in 1975 as its Director of Legislation and School Law, was an Editorial Assistant at Michigan State University and a Capitol Press Corps Reporter with Gongwer News Service, Inc., in Lansing, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, in 1977 until 1983 Roberta E. Stanley left the Lansing area for Washington, D.C., to become a Professional Staff Member of the House Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Committee on Education and Labor from 1977-1980, and the Director of Information and Legislation for Congressman William D. Ford from 1981-1983; and

WHEREAS, Roberta E. Stanley returned to the Michigan Department of Education in 1983 when she was appointed the Assistant Superintendent for State and Federal Relations, a position she held from 1983 until 1992; served as Director of Administrative Law and Federal Relations from 1992-2008, and as Client Services Director in the Office of Professional Preparation Services from 2008-2009; and

WHEREAS, at the state level Roberta E. Stanley led efforts to rewrite the Michigan School Code in 1976, helped craft amendments for the Teachers' Tenure Act in 1993, initiated and conducted a prototype orientation session for gubernatorial appointees to the State Teacher Tenure Commission on the newly-reformed Teachers' Tenure Act, utilizing legislators, lobbyists and attorneys representing labor and management perspectives; and helped negotiate compromises on the School Safety legislation in 2006; and

WHEREAS, at the federal level Roberta E. Stanley built Michigan and multi-state coalitions and worked on federal budget and appropriations issues, Medicaid School-Based Services, reauthorizations of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the Child Nutrition Act, the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Higher Education Act, the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Act, Head Start and the Job Training Partnership Act, among many more federal bills; and

WHEREAS, Roberta E. Stanley retired from the Michigan Department of Education on November 28, 2009, to return to Washington, D.C. to become the Director of Federal Affairs of the National Association of School Boards; and

WHEREAS, Roberta E. Stanley was elected Chair three times of the Federal Liaisons of the Council of Chief State School Officers, and has received awards from the National Association of Federal Education Program Administrators, the Michigan Association of Community and Adult Education, and the Michigan Association of State and Federal Program Administrators; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her professional career, Roberta E. Stanley has been involved in many community activities including service as a member of the YMCA Central Branch Board, the Boarshead Michigan Public Theater Board, the Michigan State University School of Journalism Advisory Council, and the Michigan Humanities Council Board; and on behalf of the MDE she served on the Interstate Migrant Education Council, the Michigan Women's Commission, and the Michigan Children's Trust Fund Gift Committee; and served as an Advisor to the YMCA Youth Legislature, and as a Quiz Bowl Judge; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education received with deep regret the news of the departure of this able and distinguished public servant, and thanks Roberta E. Stanley for her more than 28 years of dedicated service to the Michigan Department of Education and the students, parents, and educators in Michigan; and be it finally,

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education expresses its fervent wish that Roberta E. Stanley enjoys many more years of happiness, good health, and rewarding experiences.



Adopted May 11, 2010

Kathleen N. Straus, President

Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman and
Superintendent of Public Instruction