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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** State Board of Education

**FROM:** Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of Resolution Honoring Yvonne Caamal Canul

Attached is a draft resolution honoring Yvonne Caamal Canul, who is retiring from the Michigan Department of Education.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution honoring Yvonne Caamal Canul, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 28, 2007.

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## Resolution

### Yvonne Caamal Canul

**WHEREAS, Yvonne Caamal Canul was born in Michigan and raised in Latin America as the daughter of a United States foreign service diplomat; and**

**WHEREAS, Yvonne has a Bachelor of Arts and Honorary Doctorate degrees from Olivet College, and a Master's from Michigan State University, where she has served as adjunct faculty in the College of Educational Administration; and**

**WHEREAS, Yvonne is a Milken Family Foundation National Educator awardee, was named Michigan's Bilingual Educator of the Year, and has served on several educational panels; and**

**WHEREAS, Yvonne began her teaching career in Lansing in 1974, and for the next 30 years was a teacher at the elementary, junior, and senior high school levels, director of migrant and bilingual programs, high school assistant principal, and founder and principal of an elementary focus school, and a district director of curriculum and assessment where she designed and initiated core content area Pacing Guides and a quarterly assessment program; and**

**WHEREAS, for three years Yvonne was on loan to the Michigan Department of Education serving as the coordinator of the Partnership for Success program where she developed an intensive technical assistance framework for high priority schools, and in December of 2003, Yvonne was selected as the Michigan Department of Education's Director of the Office of School Improvement, overseeing Title I, Reading First, the state's curriculum, public school academies, and several other programs to support Michigan's 400 high priority schools, and has presented at local, state, and national conferences; and**

**WHEREAS, Yvonne Caamal Canul has notified the Michigan Department of Education and State Board of Education of her resignation from the Michigan Department of Education effective June 15, 2007, now, therefore be it**

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

**RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education extend to Yvonne Caamal Canul its highest regard and heartfelt gratitude for the dedication and expertise she has brought to the children of Michigan, their parents, and the millions of Michigan citizens her work has affected and benefited; and be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education express its fervent wish that Yvonne Caamal Canul enjoys many rewarding experiences with her husband Victor relaxing at their seaside "dream retirement home" in the remote fishing village on Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula.**