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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman

SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution Honoring Elaine Harrison

Attached is a resolution in honor of Elaine Harrison, who retired June 30, 2010 from the Michigan Department of Education.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution honoring Elaine Harrison, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 26, 2010.

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RESOLUTION
ELAINE HARRISON

WHEREAS, Elaine Harrison began her career in librarianship as a reference librarian at Missouri State Library and later at Michigan State University; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Harrison worked at the Library of Michigan since 1989 holding various positions including Continuing Education Specialist, Government Outreach Specialist, Legislative and State Government Services Manager, Public Services Supervisor, and ultimately Public and Technical Services Director; and

WHEREAS, Elaine strongly and faithfully supported the programs and services of the Library of Michigan, and led the Public and Technical Services Division to provide the best possible library and information services to the Michigan Legislature, state government employees, libraries, and the general public; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Harrison always led by the example of her hard work, dedication, and commitment to excellent service, thereby raising the bar for others; and

WHEREAS, Elaine willingly and graciously accepted new tasks and challenges that have arisen as the Library of Michigan changed throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, Elaine, for many years, successfully coordinated the Michigan delegation during the American Library Association National Library Legislative Day; and

WHEREAS, Elaine was the winner of the Michigan Library Association Kaiser Memorial Award in 1997, given in recognition of an individual's contributions that have resulted in improvements for a library or Michigan's libraries in general; and

WHEREAS, Elaine represented the Library of Michigan as a member of the Council of State Agency Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Elaine, married to Jon Harrison, mother of Dan Harrison, is an avid MSU fan, and has been an active participant in the bell choir at her church for many years and enjoys stamping, and has been known to be the social butterfly at any party and to enjoy vacations with her extended family; and

WHEREAS, Elaine retired from the Michigan Department of Education on June 30, 2010; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education hereby acknowledges Elaine's leadership and support for the Library of Michigan and support for all Michigan libraries; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education thanks Elaine for her contributions and years of dedicated service; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education wishes Elaine Harrison a retirement full of laughter and happiness with family and friends.