

RESOLUTION

EILEEN F. HAMILTON

WHEREAS, Eileen F. Giar Hamilton was born in Lansing, Michigan, graduated from Holt High School, attended Lansing Community College; and resides in Holt, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Eileen began her working career with the Michigan Division of the American Cancer Society as Secretary to the Director of Planned Giving and the Director of Public Relations; and

WHEREAS, Eileen joined the Michigan Department of Education on July 25, 1976, as a Stenographer 4 in the Office of Public Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Eileen began her distinguished career in the Office of the State Board of Education in December 1977 as a Secretary IVB; was promoted to a Secretary VII in October 1986; and Executive Secretary 14 in October 1991; and

WHEREAS, Eileen received the Stella Gikas Award for Secretary of the Year in 1992 for providing leadership to others, outstanding service to education, dedication to excellence, and maintaining the highest professional standards; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Board of Education took action at its June 17, 1997, meeting appointing Eileen F. Hamilton as Interim Administrative Secretary (subsequently titled State Board Executive) to the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Eileen F. Hamilton, State Board Executive, has worked with 35 members of the State Board of Education, 10 Superintendents of Public Instruction, hundreds of staff members spanning every office in the Michigan Department of Education as well as countless organizations, school districts, educational institutions, and state and national agencies; and

WHEREAS, Eileen has enjoyed more than 34 years with the Michigan Department of Education, 33 of those years in the State Board of Education Office; and

WHEREAS, Eileen exemplifies qualities her colleagues admire including her dedication, counsel, analytical skills, historical perspective, attention to detail, calming presence, and willingness to readily do whatever task needs to be done; and

WHEREAS, Eileen has announced her retirement effective January 1, 2011; now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, that the Michigan State Board of Education hereby expresses its highest regard, heartfelt gratitude, respect, and appreciation to this exceptional individual; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education expresses its fervent wish that in her retirement Eileen F. Hamilton enjoys many rewarding experiences with her husband Maynard, their children, and grandchildren.