

RESOLUTION

Jean Shane

WHEREAS, Jean Shane, born in Kalamazoo, Michigan with two sisters and four brothers, six nieces and five nephews, and is a graduate of Monsignor O'Brien High School, in Kalamazoo, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Jean attended Western Michigan University where she received a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education with minors in Creative Arts and Elementary Mathematics, and she attended Michigan State University where she received a Master of Arts in Human Ecology with a major in Family Studies and a minor in Counseling; and

WHEREAS, Jean Shane taught elementary school students in the Climax-Scotts Community Schools and St. Augustine School in Kalamazoo, Michigan; and was a school principal at St. Mary School, Paw Paw, and St. Thomas Aquinas School in East Lansing, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Jean began her tenure with the Michigan Department of Education as the Nonpublic School and Home School Liaison; and

WHEREAS, Jean served as the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Public Instruction Art Ellis; and

WHEREAS, Jean served as the Special Assistant for Awards and Recognition Programs, bringing recognition to many outstanding educators and support persons through the Michigan Teacher of the Year Program, Milken National Educator Award Program, Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, and the Michigan School Support Person of the Year Program, which Jean created, designed, and implemented with a team of labor union representatives; and

WHEREAS, Jean was co-founder of the Network of Michigan Educators, and has served as the liaison from the Department to the Network; and

WHEREAS, Jean has served as the Department liaison with the Shiga, Japan Visiting Official providing guidance and assistance to the Visiting Officials for 12 years; and

WHEREAS, Jean has met the many challenges of her career with grace, tact, and diplomacy; and

WHEREAS, Jean has served as the Senior Policy Advisor in the Statewide School Reform and Redesign Office; and

WHEREAS, Jean has enjoyed and achieved significant job satisfaction while working with Department of Education staff in the Bureau of Information Management, the Office of the Superintendent, the Office of Education Improvement and Innovation, and the Statewide School Reform and Redesign Office; and

WHEREAS, Jean served as the Department's project coordinator for the national award-winning publication, *Michigan's Progress Toward the National Education Goals-1996*; and

WHEREAS, Jean successfully participated as an Education Policy Fellowship Program Fellow in 1990-1991 and as a Cooperative Policy Fellow with the National Center for Education Statistics in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Jean will continue to implement the motto of her parents and grandparents: *To do as much as she can for as many as she can for as long as she can*; and

WHEREAS, during her retirement, Jean will develop, refine, and contribute her skills as a Patient Advocate for those in need; and

WHEREAS Jean has announced her retirement from the Michigan Department of Education on January 1, 2011; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the 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 State Board of Education expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to this exceptional individual; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That in addition to its respect and gratitude, the State Board of Education extends to Jean its highest regard and its best wishes for the future.