

RESOLUTION

MARYALICE GALLOWAY

WHEREAS, MaryAlice Galloway, born in Detroit, Michigan with three sisters and four brothers and is a graduate of Shawnee Mission West High School, in Overland Park, Kansas after attending school in Niles, Michigan from second to eleventh grade; and

WHEREAS, MaryAlice attended Western Michigan University where she received a Bachelor of Arts in English with a minor in Speech and Theater, and attended Eastern Michigan University where she received a Master of Arts in 20th Century American Literature; and

WHEREAS, MaryAlice took a long and winding road down many career paths including sales clerk, candle maker, secretary, cook, editor, and vocational educator; and

WHEREAS, MaryAlice began working as a consultant in the Child Nutrition Program with the Michigan Department of Education in 1989; and

WHEREAS, MaryAlice has been excited and thrilled to accept the many challenges and job satisfaction while working in the Department of Education in the Statewide School Reform Office, Office of the Superintendent, Office of Education Improvement and Innovation, Office of Field Services, and Child Nutrition Program; and

WHEREAS, MaryAlice has been honored to work with wonderful colleagues within the Department of Education in all offices, with State Board of Education members, with legislators and legislative staff, and with colleagues from other state agencies, from school districts and from education organizations around the state, and has learned from and with those colleagues; and

WHEREAS, MaryAlice is proud to serve as the first Statewide School Reform Officer, working to improve education for all students, especially those with the greatest educational needs; and

WHEREAS, MaryAlice will continue to enjoy singing in the St. Mary Magdalen Church choir and the Livingston County Chorale, and anywhere else people will let her sing; and

WHEREAS, MaryAlice will be able to spend more time with her husband, Dennis, and her daughter, Emily, and a wide circle of family and friends, traveling, learning, cooking, playing and helping others; and

WHEREAS, MaryAlice has announced her retirement from the Michigan Department of Education on April 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 MaryAlice its highest regard, and its best wishes for the future.