

STATE OF MICHIGAN
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION

JAMES CONSTANDT

WHEREAS, Jim Constandt, born and raised in Detroit, Michigan with three sisters, including a twin sister, and graduated from Osborn High School in Detroit, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Jim attended Wayne State University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He furthered his education by attending classes at Western Michigan University where he obtained both a Master's and a Doctorate of Public Administration degree; and

WHEREAS, Jim began his career with the Michigan Department of Education in 1976 as a Program Budget Analyst 10 and worked his way up to a Financial Specialist 14; and

WHEREAS, Jim has enjoyed and achieved tremendous job satisfaction while working with Department staff and other state departments budget staff; and

WHEREAS, Jim has enjoyed volunteering as a press officer for the United States Olympic Committee since 1982, having worked three summer and four winter Olympic Games; and

WHEREAS, Jim has authored and published "*The 1936 Olympic Oaks: Where are They Now?*" and "*The Michigan State Hockey Encyclopedia.*" He is currently working on a third book dealing with United States Olympic history; and

WHEREAS, Jim will be able to spend more time working for the Michigan State University Sports Information Department for the football, basketball, and hockey programs; and

WHEREAS, Jim has announced his retirement from the Michigan Department of Education on December 1, 2010; 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 Jim its highest regard, and its best wishes for the future.