

State of Michigan
State Board of Education

RESOLUTION

LINDA Q. BROWN

WHEREAS, Linda Brown graduated from Oberlin College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and from Hofstra University with a Master of Arts degree in Elementary Education; and

WHEREAS, Linda Brown began her tenure with the Michigan Department of Education in 1977 in the Office of Compensatory Education following a career as an elementary teacher and reading teacher in Chicago, New York, and the Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, while in the Office of Compensatory Education, Linda single-handedly wrote all of the formulas to calculate Title I, Part A allocations in SuperCalc; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Linda Brown assisted in developing the Office of Field Services; and

WHEREAS, as Assistant Director for the Office of Field Services, Linda established Michigan's Committee of Practitioners that made recommendations regarding state policy for many programs, but particularly Title I funding, and developed Michigan's first formula for determining Adequate Yearly Progress; and

WHEREAS, Linda is one of the original members of the design team for the Michigan Electronic Grant System (MEGS) and was integral in including the Consolidated Application in MEGS; and

WHEREAS, Linda was responsible for implementing the Michigan Title I Distinguished Schools' Program which resulted in national attention to some of Michigan's Title I schools; and

WHEREAS, Linda Brown has memorized the entire EDGAR and Federal guidance for Title I, and represents a single point of contact for MDE and school districts; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Michigan Association of State and Federal Program Specialists (MAS/FPS) recognized Linda Brown for her work with new program directors by creating the Lifetime Achievement Award which will be given annually in her honor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Linda Q. Brown for the dedication she has shown throughout her career at the Michigan Department of Education, for the leadership she has shown in guiding the development of programs and processes at the Department, and for the expertise and knowledge she has shared with the school districts of our state; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education wishes Linda Q. Brown a retirement that holds satisfying and fulfilling experiences and accomplishments.



Adopted April 11, 2006

Kathleen N. Straus, President

Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman and
Superintendent of Public Instruction