

State of Michigan
State Board of Education

RESOLUTION

ROLLIE HOPGOOD

WHEREAS, Rollie Hopgood earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Western Michigan University, his Masters Degree in Education Leadership from Eastern Michigan University, and did additional coursework at Wayne State University and the University of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, during his long career in education, beginning in the Taylor Public Schools in 1962 as an art, social studies, and physical education teacher, he served the children of his district proudly; and

WHEREAS, from 1965 to 1970, and again from 1977 to 1981, Rollie Hopgood served as President of the Taylor Federation of Teachers, Local 1085, representing hundreds of teachers in his district; and

WHEREAS, in 1970 and 1971, and from 1981 to 2001, Rollie Hopgood worked tirelessly for the Michigan Federation of Teachers and School Related Personnel, serving his final five years as President; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Michigan Governor James Blanchard appointed Rollie Hopgood to the State Board of Education to fill the unexpired term of Carroll Hutton; and

WHEREAS, for 27 months, Rollie Hopgood served as a distinguished member of the State Board of Education, where he served first as a member, and then eventually named treasurer until 1990; and

WHEREAS, as a lasting testament to his profession, Rollie Hopgood fought for the rights of teachers and children throughout Michigan, believing that the public schools and public education were in Michigan's best long-term interest; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education were saddened to hear of the untimely death of Rollie Hopgood on March 12, 2002; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education extend to the family of Rollie Hopgood its deepest sympathies, its highest regard, and heartfelt gratitude for the dedication and expertise this dedicated teacher and advocate brought to the children, teachers, and citizens of Michigan; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education publicly honor Rollie Hopgood for his outstanding work on behalf of Michigan's educators, and hold him up as an example of dedication and determined advocacy for public education that has truly made a difference for us all.



Kathleen N. Straus, President

Adopted April 11, 2002

Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman