

DAVID BAZZETT

WHEREAS, beginning in 1972, David Bazzett worked as a keypuncher in the Michigan Department of Treasury, when computers were still in their infancy; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Dave Bazzett began his career in computers and technology in the Michigan Department of Education, first working in the Department's computer area in systems and programming before moving into mainframe COBOL programming; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, Dave Bazzett moved into the Department's Data Processing Unit, where he worked on developing MDE's grants processing system, and was the first Department employee to use a personal computer; and

WHEREAS, Dave Bazzett has worked tirelessly to implement many of the electronic innovations undertaken by the Department, including installation of MDE's first computer network, the MOIS distribution system, migration of GED from the mainframe to active client servers, and several breakthrough developments in the Department's database systems, including the K-12 database; and

WHEREAS, Dave Bazzett has been at the forefront of the Department's web development frontier, having both piloted and managed MDE's intranet web site, and then overseeing developments and revisions of MDE's homepage as Web Master; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the Department, Dave Bazzett has been an innovator in the field of electronic systems development, and has helped to map the history of computing and data processing at the Michigan Department of Education by serving as a leader and early technology adopter; and

WHEREAS, Dave Bazzett informed the Michigan Department of Education of his plan to retire from his active career in state government as of April 30, 2001; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education receives with regret the news of the well-deserved retirement of this able and distinguished employee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education extend to David Bazzett its highest regard and heartfelt gratitude for the dedication and expertise he has brought to the lives of all Michigan Department of Education employees, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education forwards its best wishes to David Bazzett, with the hope that he enjoys many years of happiness, good health, and rewarding experiences during his years of retirement.

Adopted May 17, 2001

Kathleen N. Straus, President

Thomas D. Watkins, Jr.