

## **Carol B. Breen**

WHEREAS, Carol B. Breen graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Western Michigan University in 1973 and began working as a kindergarten teacher in Grand Haven Area Public Schools, Grand Haven, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Carol B. Breen obtained her masters degree in early childhood from Western Michigan University and continued teaching at the primary level in Grand Haven Area Public Schools until 1985; and

WHEREAS, from 1985-1987 Carol B. Breen took a leave of absence from Grand Haven Area Public Schools to reach out to early childhood educators throughout the United States as a national consultant for Early Prevention of School Failure; and

WHEREAS, Carol B. Breen returned to Grand Haven Area Public Schools where she completed her second masters degree in educational leadership and remained as an elementary principal and district early childhood coordinator until 1998; and

WHEREAS, Carol B. Breen joined the Michigan Department of Education in September of 1998 as a consultant in Early Childhood and Parenting Programs; and

WHEREAS, Carol B. Breen has served as an advocate for early childhood educators and parents with the development of "It Starts With a Book...AND You!"; and

WHEREAS, as a lasting testament to her profession, Carol B. Breen provided video and training support for the Michigan Literacy Progress Profile (MLPP), supported districts and public school academies in implementing multiage programs, and supported and encouraged the Michigan School Readiness Programs, and the state funded preschool program for four-year-old children "at risk" of becoming educationally disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, Carol B. Breen has informed the Michigan Department of Education that she will retire from her active career in Michigan as of July 6, 2001; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education receive with deep regret the news of the well-deserved retirement of this able educator and administrator; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education extend to Carol B. Breen its highest regard and heartfelt gratitude for the dedication and expertise she has brought to the children and families of Michigan; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education express its fervent wish that Carol B. Breen enjoys many years of happiness, good health, and rewarding experiences during her years of retirement.

Adopted July 19, 2001

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Kathleen N. Straus, President

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Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman