

STATE OF MICHIGAN
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION

LEONORA OKEKE-AARON

WHEREAS, Leonora Okeke-Aaron has worked as a Library Assistant for the Library of Michigan for 27 years in the areas of interlibrary loan and circulation, performing various duties such as document delivery, stack management, student supervision, government documents and periodicals work, supply coordination, and care and maintenance of public workstations; and

WHEREAS, Leonora, as a contributing member of the Circulation Team, has provided excellent, confidential customer service to all patrons at the Circulation desk and in the stacks, greeting patrons in a professional manner, and handling "problem" patrons and patrons with problems with grace and tact; and

WHEREAS, Leonora has shelved everything, everywhere, in the Library of Michigan, including performing several major documents and map collection shifts; and

WHEREAS, Leonora, married to Alec, mother of Chima, is a lover of dogs and ballroom dancing, and has been known to make fantastic jerk chicken and ribs; and

WHEREAS, Leonora and her husband have known the joys and challenges of being parents to foster children, some from foreign war zones; and

WHEREAS, Leonora is aware that life does not always go according to plan, but realizes the importance of counting your blessings and enjoying every day; and

WHEREAS, Leonora's colleagues at the Library of Michigan count having known and worked with Leonora as one of their blessings, and who will miss her lovely, elegant voice making the closing announcement at the Library at the end of the day; and

WHEREAS, Leonora retired from the Michigan Department of Education on October 29, 2010; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education hereby acknowledges Leonora's dedication and support of the Library of Michigan, its patrons, and its collections, and thanks her for her contributions and years of dedicated service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education wishes Leonora Okeke-Aaron a retirement full of laughter and happiness with family and friends, and wishes her well on her retirement endeavors to learn to play the keyboard and to learn to speak Spanish.



Adopted November 9, 2010

Kathleen N. Straus, President

Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman and
Superintendent of Public Instruction