

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

RESOLUTION

KATHLEEN N. STRAUS

WHEREAS, Kathleen N. Straus was first elected to the State Board of Education in 1992, re-elected in 2000, and re-elected again in 2008, to fulfill three eight-year terms spanning January 1, 1993 to January 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen earned a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Hunter College, and pursued graduate studies at American University, Columbia University, New York University and Wayne State University; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen served seven two-year terms as President of the State Board of Education, and previously served as Secretary and National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Delegate, as elected by her peers; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen has served as Staff Director of the Senate Education Committee, Director of Governmental Relations for the Michigan Association of School Boards, and President of the Center for Creative Studies; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen has served NASBE in several capacities including Central Area Director, Restructuring High Schools Study Group, Middle Schools Study Group, Study Group on Civic Learning and Ethical Behavior, Study Group on Statewide Assessment Systems, and Governmental Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen was a Michigan representative to the Education Commission of the States, and a delegate to the Congressional Conference on Civic Education; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen was President of the League of Women Voters of Detroit and a member of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Michigan through which she was heavily involved with the Michigan Constitutional Convention of 1963; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen was Executive Director of People and Responsible Organizations for Detroit, a community-wide coalition of business, labor and civic groups and schools established to assure that court-ordered desegregation would be implemented smoothly and peacefully; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen served on numerous Boards including the Michigan State Board for Public Junior and Community Colleges, Detroit Science Center, ArtServe Michigan, Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion, Michigan Women's Studies Association, and Communities in Schools – Detroit; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education extends to Kathleen N. Straus its highest regard and heartfelt gratitude for the dedication and expertise she has brought to the children of Michigan, their parents, and the millions of Michigan citizens whose lives have been enhanced through her efforts; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education expresses its fervent wish that Kathleen N. Straus continues to enjoy many rewarding experiences with her family, friends and colleagues.

John C. Austin, President

Brian J. Whiston, Chairman and
State Superintendent