

**State of Michigan  
State Board of Education**

**Resolution Honoring Richard Zeile**

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard Zeile was elected to the State Board of Education in November 2010 for an eight-year term from January 1, 2011 - January 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Zeile, who affectionately is known as "Dr. Z," was ordained in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, has served Lutheran Parochial schools for most of his professional life, and also a year as Chaplain Resident at Detroit's Sinai-Grace Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Z worked for the successful Michigan Civil Rights Initiative in 2006, and currently is a member of the NAACP, and American Family Association.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Z currently is serving as Co-President of the State Board of Education where the Board is governed with bi-partisan shared power, and previously served as Board Treasurer and the State Board's delegate to the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE), as elected by his peers; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Z was appointed chair of the NASBE Study Group on Rural Education, and served as the Central Area Director on NASBE's Board of Directors and on its Public Education Positions Committee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Z has written many articles on educational policy, and presented at various public and educational leadership forums; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Z has helped organize a public school academy in Michigan and served as president of another charter school from 2005-2009; has served as Pastor and Headmaster at St. John's Lutheran Church in Taylor, MI and as Adjunct Professor of Education at Concordia University in Ann Arbor, MI.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Z has been a thoughtful and measured presence on the State Board of Education and brings a guided wisdom to its deliberations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Z is known for his thought-provoking allegories and metaphors during policy discussions at the State Board table, and his dedication toward the goal of providing every child in Michigan choice and opportunity to receive a quality education, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education extends to Dr. Richard Zeile its highest regard and heartfelt gratitude for the dedication and expertise he has brought to the children of Michigan, their parents, and the millions of Michigan citizens whose lives have been enhanced through his efforts; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education expresses its fervent wish that Dr. Richard Zeile continues to enjoy many rewarding experiences with family, friends and colleagues.

Adopted December 11, 2018