

State of Michigan
State Board of Education

RESOLUTION

Robert K. Morris

WHEREAS, Robert K. Morris, a lifetime Michigander being born and raised in suburban Detroit; and

WHEREAS, Bob graduated from Birmingham Seaholm High School, pursued his education graduating from Western Michigan University in 1973 with a teaching degree, and later received his Masters in Public Administration also from Western Michigan University; and

WHEREAS, Bob taught middle school for the Detroit Public Schools in the mid-1970s; and

WHEREAS, Bob left the Detroit Public Schools in 1976 when he began working for the Michigan House of Representatives in a policy position where he served until 1982; and

WHEREAS, from 1983-84 Bob served as a member of Governor James Blanchard's Policy Office where he coordinated policy for the U. S. Congress and the Michigan Legislature; and

WHEREAS, from 1993 to 2003, Bob worked for Wayne County Executives Edward H. McNamara and Robert Ficano where he directed Wayne County's legislative program, and also provided advice on transportation policy, rising to the position of Assistant County Executive; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 Bob was appointed Legislative Director for the Michigan Department of Education where he coordinated the Department's legislative actions with the State Legislature, including the adoption of the Michigan Merit Curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Bob has announced he has accepted a position with the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), and will leave the Michigan Department of Education at the end of 2006; and

WHEREAS, during his career Bob has served on many boards and organizations including board member and President of the Michigan Intelligent Transportation Society, board member of the Detroit Area Regional Transportation Authority, and board member of the 8 Mile Road Boulevard Association; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Robert K. Morris for the dedication he has shown throughout his tenure at the Michigan Department of Education.



Adopted December 12, 2006

Kathleen N. Straus, President

Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman and
Superintendent of Public Instruction