

State of Michigan
State Board of Education
RESOLUTION

Edward D. Roeber

WHEREAS, after graduating from the Ann Arbor Public Schools, Edward D. Roeber attended Ohio Wesleyan University (Delaware, Ohio) in 1962-1963; attended the University of Michigan from 1963-1970 where he received his Bachelors, Masters, and Doctoral Degrees; and

WHEREAS, Edward D. Roeber began his career as a consultant with the Education Commission of the States, working on the National Assessment of Educational Progress in the areas of mathematics, music, reading, science, visual arts, and writing from 1969 to 1972; and

WHEREAS, from 1976-1991, Edward D. Roeber was the Supervisor of the Michigan Educational Assessment Program for the Michigan Department of Education, and a consultant for the Department from 1972-1976; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Roeber's leadership, Michigan was the first state to implement criterion-referenced tests, and even conducted individually-administered assessment in areas such as science education; and

WHEREAS, from 1991-1998, Dr. Roeber was Director of Student Assessment Programs for the Council of Chief State School Officers where he developed and implemented various collaborative assessment development activities among states in the State Collaborative on Assessment and Students Standards; and

WHEREAS, from 1998-2003, Dr. Roeber served as Vice President of External Relations for Measured Progress, where he worked with state policy leaders and staff of state and local education agencies to help design, develop, and implement quality assessment programs, and also directed the company's efforts to develop alternate assessments for students with significant disabilities for thirteen state clients; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, the Michigan Department of Education brought Dr. Roeber back to Michigan as its Senior Executive Director of Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability, where he directed the assessments of general education students, students with disabilities and English language learners, as well as the accreditation and accountability programs; and

WHEREAS, Edward Roeber has notified the State Board of Education and Michigan Department of Education that he will retire from the Michigan Department of Education effective September 7, 2007, and will become an adjunct professor at Michigan State University; 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 honored and distinguished assessment expert, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education express its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Edward Roeber for the dedication he has shown throughout his career at the Michigan Department of Education, for the leadership he has shown in guiding the development of new assessment tests, including the conversion to the ACT for the high school assessment; and more timely release of test results; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education wish Edward Roeber a retirement and career transition that holds satisfying and fulfilling experiences and accomplishments.

Adopted August 14, 2007

Kathleen N. Straus, President

Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman and
Superintendent of Public Instruction