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NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION

RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF BETH WIERDA

WHEREAS, Beth Wierda has contributed to the quality of special education services provided by Nebraska public and non-public schools to all Nebraska children with disabilities during her 32-year tenure as a Nebraska Department of Education employee;

WHEREAS, Beth Wierda has provided guidance and leadership to the Nebraska Department of Education, Nebraska schools, the Special Education Advisory Council, the federal Office of Special Education Programs and the National Association of State Directors of Special Education, most recently as the Administrator of the Office of Special Education;

WHEREAS, Beth Wierda was dedicated to the education of students with disabilities and provided high-quality training — always delivered with accuracy and a special touch of humor — to the Nebraska Association of Special Education Supervisors, teachers, school administrators and parents in understanding the intent and expectations of the state and federal laws;

WHEREAS, Beth Wierda received the 1994 Nebraska Department of Education Employee of the Year and the 2014 Dr. Glenn I. Latham Excellence Award for outstanding leadership by the Technical Assistance for Excellence in Special Education;

WHEREAS, Beth Wierda retired on November 30, 2015, leaving a legacy of support for Nebraska children ages birth to 21, their parents, teachers and schools;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

THAT, the Nebraska State Board of Education recognizes Beth Wierda's contributions and service to Nebraska public and non-public schools on behalf of generations of Nebraska children with disabilities, and,

THAT, the Nebraska State Board of Education greatly appreciates the assistance Beth Wierda has provided to the board and her tireless dedication to Nebraska children, particularly children with disabilities.

On behalf of the State Board of Education

Rachel Wise
Rachel Wise, President

1/8/16
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Lillie Larsen, Vice President

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