

**COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY**

Courtesy Resolution

Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders

WHEREAS, the Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders (CCBD), was organized December 1, 1961 and celebrates its 50th anniversary as a division of the Council for Exceptional Children in 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders is dedicated to: supporting the professional development and enhancing the expertise of those who work on behalf of children with challenging behavior and their families; committing to students who are identified as having emotional and behavioral disorders and those whose behavior puts them at risk for failure in school, home, and/or community; and supporting prevention of problem behavior and enhancement of social, emotional, and educational well-being of all children and youth; and

WHEREAS, the Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders was actively involved in the passage of Public Law 94-142 (the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975, since renamed the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) and its numerous amendments; and

WHEREAS, the CCBD Foundation was established to enhance the education and treatment of students with emotional/behavioral disorders and their families with priorities of supporting classroom practitioners, providing professional development, recognizing leaders in the field, and funding scholarships; and

WHEREAS, the Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders is one of the largest divisions of all the CEC divisions; and

WHEREAS, the Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders has contributed to the advancement of the field of special education by publishing research-based journals and publications, as well as, hosting professional development conferences and events throughout their history; and

WHEREAS, the Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders was instrumental in developing pending U.S. legislation on physical restraint and seclusion procedures in school settings ensuring the safety and dignity of all children; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council for Exceptional Children during the annual meeting of the CEC Representative Assembly in National Harbor, Maryland, the 28th day of April, two thousand and eleven, congratulates the Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders on their 50 years of outstanding leadership and service to the education profession, their dedication to ensuring the safety, dignity, and education of children with behavioral disorders, and the commitment to excellence as a division of the Council for Exceptional Children.