

**COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY**

Courtesy Resolution

Robert E. Abbott

WHEREAS, Robert E. Abbott began his impressive career as a special education teacher in Springfield, Illinois and Bloomington, Illinois, a teacher of students with multiple handicaps in Waukegan, Illinois, later becoming a consultant for special education with the Waukegan Public Schools, and Assistant Superintendent of Waukegan Public Schools until his retirement from the field of special education; and

WHEREAS, Bob has been a member of the Council for Exceptional Children and the Illinois Council for Exceptional Children (ICEC) since 1954 and remained an active and vital member until his death on June 13, 2010; and

WHEREAS, he served in numerous offices of CEC, Illinois CEC, and Lake County CEC Chapter 336, serving as Past Governor of Illinois, Governor at Large-USA, CEC Governance Chair, Division for Learning Disabilities (DLD) President, Pioneers Division (PD) Historian and Treasurer, ICEC President, ICEC Treasurer, Historian, RA and Parliamentarian, Lake County CEC President, Historian, and Treasurer, Illinois PD President and Historian, IDLD President, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor; and

WHEREAS, Bob has been the recipient of the Learning Disabilities Association (LDA) of America President's Award, LDA Pioneer Award, DLD Outstanding Contributor, CEC-PD Romaine P. Mackie Award for Outstanding Leadership, Delegate to the White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals, ISBE Outstanding Administrator Award, ICEC Meritorious Service Award, ILDA Leadership Award, ILDA Outstanding Administrator Award, Waukegan Public Schools Excellence in Administration Award; and

WHEREAS, Bob was honored in 1972 for his service to Illinois Council for Exceptional Children by being named "Mr. ICEC"; and

WHEREAS, Bob was honored for his service to children by the Waukegan Board of Education in 1992 by renaming the middle school the Robert E. Abbott Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Bob inspired, encouraged and provided support to many individuals as they pursued a profession in special education; and

WHEREAS, there comes in a lifetime a special person who outshines others by his presence and good deeds, whose impact leaves a wonderful legacy in his wake, where the world is a better place for having had Bob in it; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The Illinois Council for Exceptional Children and the CEC Pioneers Division convey deep appreciation and admiration for Robert E. Abbott's many contributions to CEC, the Illinois State Unit, the CEC Pioneers Division, his local chapter, and to all the exceptional children and youth of Illinois and the nation, and further that said Resolution be forwarded to the Council for Exceptional Children for action by its Representative Assembly in National Harbor, Maryland in April 2011.