COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

Courtesy Resolution

ELEANOR C. GUETZLOE

WHEREAS, Dr. Eleanor Guetzloe had a most distinguished 50-year career in the field of music education and special education dedicating many years working tirelessly to educate and to advocate for children and adolescents with emotional and behavioral disorders;

WHEREAS, Dr. Guetzloe’s email address, ccbd1@aol.com, was most appropriate as she was indeed the leader of the Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders (CCBD), a special interest division of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) throughout her career, serving as the president of CCBD, chairperson of regional services and membership, governor, chair of the CEC Advocacy and Governmental Relations Committee, and founder of Florida CCBD in 1973 remaining active until recently, and most importantly, she was an exemplar and mentor to all members and leaders in the division;

WHEREAS, Dr. Guetzloe served as president of the Pioneers Division in 2011, initiating two very successful fundraising events, and was awarded the Division’s Romaine L. Mackie Leadership Award in 2013 for her significant contributions over an extensive period of time to the field of emotional and behavioral disorders;

WHEREAS, Dr. Guetzloe regularly contributed to the Pioneers Division newsletter for many years and continued her service to the Division participating as one of the original mentors in the CEC/CEC-PD Mentoring Program, whereby she shared her vast knowledge and field-based experience with CEC student members who were involved at various levels in teacher preparation programs;

WHEREAS, Dr. Guetzloe through her active participation in the Florida CEC and the CCBD and Pioneer subdivisions inspired others by example to hold leadership positions while always sharing her wit, kindness, and humor;

WHEREAS, Dr. Guetzloe was awarded the Florida Council for Exceptional Children’s prestigious Landis M. Stetler Award at the state convention in 2010 honoring her many contributions to the state of Florida, the special education field, and the teaching profession;

WHEREAS, Dr. Guetzloe, positively impacted her state as a proud native of Tampa, Florida, receiving her early education through Florida public schools; receiving her Master’s degree from the University of South Florida and her Ph.D. from the University of Florida; and completing her formal teaching career with her retirement in 2001 as a professor at the campuses of the University of South Florida, where she mentored and taught many aspiring classroom teachers, supervised practicum students, supported and guided doctoral candidates, facilitated linkages between the local school district and community enhancing educational and social opportunities for children with special needs; and served on numerous state and local boards and committees providing advice on behavior strategies and public policy;
WHEREAS, Dr. Guetzloe was bestowed the title of Professor Emeritus in 2002 from the University of South Florida in St. Petersburg reflecting her 23 years in higher education where she made many contributions to the field leaving a positive impact on generations of future educators;

WHEREAS, Dr. Guetzloe was the DeForest Strunk Endowed Chair in Special Education at the University of San Diego;

WHEREAS, Dr. Guetzloe advocated the importance of service learning for many years and developed the first program for service learning for students with emotional and behavioral disorders in the state of Florida;

WHEREAS, Dr. Guetzloe was a true advocate for students with emotional and behavioral disorders showing her fiery spirit and strong convictions by speaking out for the needs of students with exceptionalities, being instrumental in the protections given to students with behavioral challenges in both the IDEA 1997 and 2000 reauthorization;

WHEREAS, Dr. Guetzloe volunteered her time assisting parents who were trying to obtain services for their children, being an active voice in IEPs, and providing support to special education teachers;

WHEREAS, Dr. Guetzloe told her stories of community service in the book that she co-authored, Effective Curriculum for Students with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders;

WHEREAS, Dr. Guetzloe gained a national and international reputation as a leader in the field of teen suicide prevention and published the text, Youth Suicide: What the Educator Should Know, for the Council for Exceptional Children in 1989;

WHEREAS, Dr. Guetzloe authored more than 80 articles, chapters, and books that have made a profound difference in the way the field positively educates students with emotional and behavioral disorders;

WHEREAS, Dr. Guetzloe presented well over 300 seminars, convention sessions, keynote addresses, and workshops throughout the world and was a very popular speaker because those who attended were guaranteed to receive a wealth of practical information, positive curriculum suggestions, and field-based data from her memorable stories, always walking away feeling good about the important work they were doing on a daily basis with children and adolescents;

WHEREAS, Dr. Guetzloe was the quintessential special educator, working tirelessly for others; potentiating everyone; encouraging and supporting colleagues in need; and teaching us all to give hope to students with emotional and behavioral disorders through a positive and exciting curriculum;

WHEREAS, Dr. Guetzloe received the Outstanding Council for Exceptional Children Leadership Award for her leadership in CEC at the local, state, and international levels; was the recipient of numerous awards from the Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders, including having a scholarship fund through the CCBD Foundation named in her honor; and was awarded the Midwest Symposium for Leadership in Behavior Disorders Award;

WHEREAS, Dr. Guetzloe taught us all the importance of having a sense of humor for all occasions and was well known for her generosity and her love of people at all times;
Now, therefore,

**Be it resolved** that, the Council for Exceptional Children, during the Annual Meeting of the Council’s Representative Assembly in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the 11th day of April, 2014, and on behalf of the Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders, the CEC Pioneers Division, and the Florida CEC State unit, conveys deep appreciation and admiration for Dr. Guetzloe’s many contributions to the Council; to the advancement of the quality of life for children and youth with exceptionalities, especially those having emotional and behavioral disorders; for her advocacy efforts on behalf of children and adolescents and their families for educational rights and equal protection; and to the positive impact she had on the training of special education teachers.