Resolution

Kathleen Shank

WHEREAS, CEC’s Professional Preparation Standards define the specialized expertise special educators must master for the safe and effective practice of special education. These standards are used to inform preparation programs, accreditation organizations, and licensing agencies;

WHEREAS, Dr. Kathlene Shank of Eastern Illinois University has served as a volunteer leader to CEC and its committees dedicated to upholding the professional preparation standards;

WHEREAS, Dr. Shank has served as a volunteer co-coordinator with CEC staff members in the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) Specialized Professional Association (SPA) review process, working to ensure that teacher preparation programs are supported in meeting the CEC standards and CAEP requirements for accreditation;

WHEREAS, Dr. Shank has served as a program reviewer, auditor and as a mentor to other CEC volunteer reviewers and auditors;

WHEREAS, Dr. Shank has graciously volunteered her time and expertise, providing invaluable insights, perspectives and guidance;

Now, therefore,

Be it resolved that, the Council for Exceptional Children Board of Directors, convened at its meeting the 11th day of July, 2017, in Alexandria, Virginia, extends its sincere gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Kathlene Shank for her tireless work to support the sustained impact of CECs professional preparation standards and for her ongoing contributions to significantly and positively advancing the field of special education.

Mikki Garcia
President

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