



All Educators. Every Child. No Limits.

CEC Legacy Proclamation

Jamie S. Hopkins

March 14, 2004

Whereas, Jamie S. Hopkins began her impressive lifelong career covering 45 years as a special education teacher in Amelia, Ohio, and became a supervisor and coordinator of special education in two Ohio school districts, later holding the position of director of special education and student services until her retirement, and then continued her field service as an adjunct instructor/supervisor in the Department of Special Education, University of Cincinnati;

Whereas, Jamie, in her two positions as director of special education services, established the first resource rooms for one district, thereby reducing the need for restrictive environments and promoting inclusionary practices and later, in the second school district, disbanded segregated classes, placing students in their home schools being educated in their neighborhoods with local peers while still providing individualized education and support services;

Whereas, Jamie chaired and served on boards of various community agencies, forming supports for children and youth and their families, committing to a broader range of locally available services;

Whereas, after joining CEC in 1969, Jamie held numerous CEC offices, including the President of the Cincinnati CEC chapter, Ohio Federation/Unit, the Ohio Governor to the CEC Board of Governors, Governor-at-Large CEC Board of Directors, President of the Pioneers Division (now the Division of Leaders and Legacy), and the 2006 CEC President, continuing as the current Division of Leaders and Legacy Secretary;

Whereas, Jamie's continued impact through her many contributions to CEC in her role as the third Coordinator of the CEC/CEC-Pioneers Division Mentoring Program and organizer of an 11-division collaborative session on maltreatment and trauma for the 2024 CEC convention, outlining the next steps for divisions to embed information on the topic;

Whereas, Jamie chaired, or was a member of, various CEC workgroups and task forces, resulting in the organization's expanded definition of equity and inclusiveness of the LGBT community and the creation of a position paper and ongoing webinars, increasing knowledge, and raising awareness, of maltreatment and ensuing trauma; and

Now, therefore,

Be it resolved that the Council for Exceptional Children conveys deep appreciation and admiration for Ms. Jamie Hopkins' continuous and significant contributions to CEC through her many leadership positions, increasing inclusiveness and expanding knowledge to the field of special education and through her commitment as a special education administrator, guaranteeing individualized education in the least restrictive environment for exceptional children and youth.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kareem Thompson".

Kareem Thompson
President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chad Rummel".

Chad Rummel
Executive Director