CEC Legacy Proclamation
John Wills Lloyd
March 14, 2004

WHEREAS, Dr. John Wills Lloyd is an outstanding, committed, and exemplary professor, researcher, scholar, and mentor who worked for more than 40 years on behalf of the education of children and youth with exceptionalities, especially those with learning disabilities and behavior disorders;

WHEREAS, Dr. Lloyd developed and validated interventions for students with learning disabilities struggling to sustain attention to academic tasks;

WHEREAS, Dr. Lloyd distinguished himself as a prominent scholar and researcher in self-monitoring interventions and single-case design, remaining highly influential;

WHEREAS, Dr. Lloyd has presented over 30 presentations at CEC conventions and state CEC conventions/meetings, sharing his research findings while making applications to practice for the betterment of students with disabilities;

WHEREAS, Dr. Lloyd has authored more than 100 peer-reviewed articles in a wide range of professional journals, as well as writing or co-authoring seven books, still being cited today;

WHEREAS, Dr. Lloyd founded the website Special Education Today, disseminating high-quality research with applications; co-edited TeachingLD.org, the official Web site of the Division of Learning Disabilities, providing educators with essential resources, knowledge, and guidance; founded and was editor of the Spedpro discussion group;

WHEREAS, Dr. Lloyd taught and mentored many early entrant researchers, guiding and influencing their thinking, instilling in each a commitment to evidence-based practices and dedication to students with disabilities and their families, and contributing to shaping a generation of future researchers who carry his legacy forward through their fieldwork and service to CEC;

WHEREAS, Dr. Lloyd was one of the founders of the Division for Research (DR), serving as the Chair of the DR Publications Committee and later becoming its President;

WHEREAS, a similar trajectory was followed with the Division for Learning Disabilities (DLD), being one of its founders, chairing the publications committee, completing the presidential line, and later assuming the position of the Executive Director of DLD during a transformational period, establishing the foundation for a strong and thriving division;

WHEREAS, Dr. Lloyd was Co-Editor of Exceptional Children for eight years, supporting open science practices and concluding his co-editorship with the issue focused on the next generation of quality indicators in special education research; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Council for Exceptional Children conveys deep appreciation and admiration for Dr. John Wills Lloyd’s enduring commitment to The Council’s core values of visionary thinking, integrity, and inclusiveness and his immeasurable impact on the field of special education through his lifelong commitment to exceptional service, scholarship, teaching, and mentorship.

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