



PROCLAMATION OF APPRECIATION FOR RANCE CLOUSER

Whereas Rance Clouser was elected by the citizens of Oak Park to serve on the District 97 Board of Education on April 17, 2007; and

Whereas Rance Clouser faithfully served as a member of the board, and provided leadership on several district and community committees that were critical to providing the children of Oak Park with a high-quality education, including the Policy Committee, the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee, the Benefits Committee and the Oak Park River Forest High School Citizens' Council; and

Whereas Rance Clouser's commitment to fiscal responsibility and transparency contributed to the successful passage of a referendum in April that will greatly enhance the educational experience for the district's students; and

Whereas Rance Clouser played a pivotal role in the district's efforts to recruit and hire Dr. Al Roberts as the superintendent, in the development of the superintendent's evaluation tool, in the implementation of the Danielson model for evaluating certified staff, and in the establishment of a higher level of accountability for student and staff achievement both inside and outside of the classroom; and

Whereas Rance Clouser was instrumental in the district's creation of a comprehensive five-year technology plan that will help children develop into 21st Century learners, and in its increased use of data to tailor instruction for each student; and

Whereas Rance Clouser participated in the successful negotiation of collective bargaining agreements with the district's employee groups, including the Oak Park Teachers' Association; and

Whereas Rance Clouser's strong belief in the timely sharing of information with the general public and in the importance of effective two-way communications strengthened the district's relationships with its internal and external stakeholders and increased community engagement in the educational process; and

Whereas Rance Clouser's advocacy on behalf of the families of students with special needs, as well as his efforts to raise awareness of special education within the community, ensured that those students received the support and services they needed to grow and develop academically, physically, socially and emotionally;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the District 97 Board of Education that it affirms the aforementioned accomplishments of Rance Clouser; and

Be It Further Resolved that the District 97 Board of Education expresses its appreciation and gratitude to Rance Clouser on behalf of the District 97 community for his exemplary leadership during his four years as a member of the board.

Proclaimed on this 26th day of April 2011.