

**Resolution Honoring  
KEVIN BATES  
State Board of Education Student Member  
2012-2014**

- Whereas,** On May 22, 2008 the Pennsylvania State Board of Education amended its bylaws to provide for student membership and greater student voice in education policymaking; and
- Whereas,** This policy ensures dedicated representation for the nearly 800,000 undergraduate students attending more than 250 public and private institutions of higher education; and
- Whereas,** Mr. Kevin Bates, a resident of Philadelphia and a student at Gwynedd-Mercy College, has consistently, effectively, and thoughtfully represented this community since July 2012; and
- Whereas,** Mr. Bates has brought a fresh and important perspective to the Board's discussions on issues spanning the P-16 spectrum; and
- Whereas,** Mr. Bates' has offered a particularly critical perspective on teacher preparation as his collegiate studies have occurred during a time of change in the way candidates for educator certification are prepared and evaluated; and
- Whereas,** Mr. Bates' public service offers unique preparation for his future work, scholarship, and service; now, therefore be it
- Resolved:** That the members of the Council of Higher Education and entire State Board of Education extend their heartfelt appreciation to Mr. Kevin Bates for his leadership, dedication, and friendship; and be it further
- Resolved:** That the Board expresses its sincere wishes for Mr. Bates' continued success as he pursues a career in teaching high school mathematics.

Given under my hand and our seal  
this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2014

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Larry Wittig  
Chairman