

**SERVICE COMMENDATION
DR. BARBARA FOWLER**

WHEREAS, Troy School District Superintendent **Dr. Barbara Fowler** has served the Troy School District community for 31 years in various leadership capacities; and

WHEREAS, **Dr. Fowler** was originally named an Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent in 1983, and has served as Executive Director for Secondary Instruction, Assistant Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent and Interim Superintendent. She was appointed as Superintendent of Troy Schools in October, 2005; and

WHEREAS, **Dr. Fowler** received her B.A. in chemistry from Oakland University, her M.A. and Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from the University of California, and her Education Specialists Degree in Administration and Supervision from Wayne State University; and

WHEREAS, Prior to her tenure with the Troy School District, **Dr. Fowler** held teaching positions at Tenafly High School in New Jersey, Anchor Bay School District, Oakland University, Macomb and St. Clair Community Colleges; and

WHEREAS, Under **Dr. Fowler's** leadership, the Troy School District continues to lift its nationally ranked schools to an even higher level. With her guidance, the Troy School District boasts a successful K-12 International Baccalaureate program and has become the eighth district in Michigan to earn district wide North Central Association.

WHEREAS, **Dr. Fowler** has encouraged students to achieve at the very top levels, resulting in more students than ever taking Advanced Placement courses and earning college credit while still in high school; and

WHEREAS, Under **Dr. Fowler's** leadership, the Troy School District received national and state recognition, including One of the 100 Best Communities in America for Music Education; Troy High, International Academy East and Athens High School being named among the nation's top five percent of high schools by *U.S. News and World Report*; and Troy being cited as Michigan's top city to raise a family by *CNN Money Magazine*; and

WHEREAS, **Barbara** will enjoy spending more time with her son **Drew**, daughter-in-law **Heather** and grandson **Carson**. She will enjoy travelling the world, and staying active in the Troy community by joining nonprofit boards including the Troy Nature Society and Troy Youth Assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, That the Troy City Council takes this opportunity to express its sincere appreciation and recognition to **Dr. Barbara Fowler** for her distinguished service and her many contributions to the betterment of the City through her leadership of the Troy School District; and

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN That by giving of her time and talents, **Dr. Fowler** has furthered the ideals that contribute to enrich our community. Troy is very fortunate to have citizens like **Barbara** who give so much time and energy to make our community a great place to live, work, learn and play.

Presented this 2nd day of June 2014.