B. 3. a. (9) Retirement Resolution – Gail Odneal

Recommended Motion: “that the following resolution of commendation be adopted:

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gail Odneal, M.S.N., R.N., has decided to retire from her position as associate professor of nursing with Monroe County Community College, effective July 1, 2011.

WHEREAS, for 22 years, she has long been considered an outstanding professor and served as Dean of Health Sciences/Director of Nursing, who has developed and delivered excellent curriculum in the Nursing Program, and

WHEREAS, she was an early innovator in the planning of distance learning and charter member of a consortium of three colleges to develop an online L.P.N to R.N. completion program. This involved a two-year process of attaining program approval through the Michigan Board of Nursing, and

WHEREAS, she taught about twenty percent of the R.N. program in the areas of advanced medical surgical nursing and leadership, and

WHEREAS, she has been involved with special projects within the College, admissions requirement studies for nursing and respiratory care, curricular review, and

WHEREAS, she has served as an active member for many years on a variety of college committees including, but not limited to, the Curriculum committee and Distance Learning committee, Nursing Workgroup, Nursing Advisory committee, Health Sciences division committee, and
WHEREAS, she has taught and inspired over 1,000 nursing graduates, many of whom continue to provide excellent patient care to citizens in the surrounding area hospitals, and

WHEREAS, she has demonstrated a high level of professionalism and dedication both on and off campus within the healthcare community, and

WHEREAS, she has been a role model and mentor for nursing educators who share her passion for the highest degree of excellence in patient care.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees recognize Mrs. Gail Odneal, M.S.N., R.N., for her dedicated service and contributions to the college, our students, and the community, and

THAT IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that by the president’s recommendation, Mrs. Gail Odneal, shall hereby be granted faculty emeritus status, and

THAT IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees expresses its very best wishes for her continued success, well being and happiness on this Monday, September 26, 2011.