

## A TRIBUTE TO

### DR. BARBARA KULIK

We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to Dr. Barbara Kulik for all of her hard work and dedication to the field of Physical and Health Disabilities and over 50 years of service to the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) and the Division for Physical, Health and Multiple Disabilities (DPHMD). When she was a student in 1962, Dr. Kulik became a member of CEC and DPHMD (or DOPHHH as it was known back then). She began her career as a teacher of students with physical disabilities in Whittier Cooperative School District in California. She added another dimension to her educational service when she obtained her Ph.D. at Texas Woman's University and became a Professor and Department Chair in the Department of Special Education at California State University, Northridge (CSUN). As a professor, she provided leadership to the credentialing program in Physical and Health Impairments at CSUN and was an active member in the state-wide consortium of California Professors in Physical and Health Disabilities (CPPHD).

Nationally, Dr. Kulik has made a profound impact in the field of Physical and Health Disabilities through her work as a Professor, and through her dedication and commitment to DPHMD. For over 50 years, she has been instrumental in addressing the critical issues in CEC and DPHMD and supporting the organization. In the 1970s, she served DPHMD as Vice President, President-Elect, President, and Past President. In 1982, Dr. Kulik became a member of the Editorial Board of DPHMD's journal, and, in 1994, she became the Editor of *Physical Disabilities: Education and Related Services*. As Editor, she has been the driving force in producing a very high quality journal that has published articles which are critical to the field of physical, health, and multiple disabilities. Dr. Kulik has had a major impact in lives of numerous professionals by providing ongoing encouragement and mentorship to assist them in producing high quality articles. She has maintained a strong editorial board throughout the years that have assured a rigorous referee process. She was also instrumental in having *Physical Disabilities: Education and Related Services* become part of the ERIC system to enhance dissemination efforts of the journals' articles. Professors have used articles from the journal to assist with teacher preparation efforts and support evidence-based educational programming for infants, children, and youth with physical, health, and multiple disabilities. Individuals who receive the journal have frequently commented on the usefulness of the articles in assisting teachers and related service staff in better serving children with physical disabilities.

## 2 PHYSICAL DISABILITIES: EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES

Barbara's tireless efforts throughout the years have made a profound impact on professors, teachers, and children and she is greatly appreciated. Thank you Dr. Kulik!