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LET IT BE KNOWN, That it is a distinct privilege to join with The Dispute Resolution Center in honoring Father Bernard J. O'Connor as he leaves the Center to join the Pope's Administration, the Curia, in Rome.

Father O'Connor, known as Father Bernie, Dr. Bernie or just Bernie, is the only known Roman Catholic priest who has been a professor at Eastern Michigan University. He was a popular teacher, attached primarily to the Political Science Department. Father O'Connor has taught a broad range of graduate and undergraduate classes, from business law to the fundamentals of mediation to international relations and world religions and history. His time was divided between teaching and working as an Assistant Dean within the College of Arts and Sciences, where he advised students on academics.

Father O'Connor has numerous accomplishments, too numerous to mention all of them, but of special note is his involvement in the "We The People: Task Force on University Education and Civics" in Washington, D.C. and Calabasas, California; Chair of the Mediation Training Committee; and the founder and co-chair of the Michigan Mediation Conference Committee.

Father O'Connor has served on the Board of Directors of the Dispute Resolution Center since 1997. The Center is one of 20 Community Dispute Resolution Centers throughout Michigan administered through the State Court Administrative Office. In 2003, the trained volunteers contributed over 1,600 hours to mediation and community education in conflict resolution. The Bernard J. O' Connor Award, established in 1998 by The Center, recognizes a recipient's outstanding contribution to the field of conflict resolution.

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, Therefore, this document is dedicated to honor Father Bernard J. O'Connor upon the occasion of his move to the Vatican. May he provide many years of counsel to the Pope in fundamental human rights in the Middle East, Far East, and Eastern Europe.

~ DRC Board of Directors 2004 ~

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5:30 pm Reception and Award Presentation

Welcome:
Claudia Young Belinda Dulin

Update of DRC Programs:
Belinda Dulin

Introduction of Honoree:
Commisoner Kristen Judge

Presentation of Award to Lloyd Powell:
Claudia Young

Closing Remarks
Public Defender Lloyd Powell

7:00 Private Screening of
"Bilal's Stand"

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2010 Bernard J. O'Connor Award Recipient

Washtenaw County Public Defender, Mr. Lloyd Powell

Lloyd E. Powell has practiced law in Michigan for 38 years after completing a military career in law enforcement that included many years of service in Europe and Asia before culminating as Chief of Investigations for the Office of Provost Marshall at U.S. Army Headquarters in Seoul, Korea.

Mr. Powell's work in public defense is his life's calling—not a job. Dedication to equal justice for everyone is the fiber of his being.

He has held the appointed Office of Public Defender for Washtenaw County for the past 30 years, after having also served as a trial attorney for the prosecution and public defense as well as a criminal defense trial attorney in private practice. He has received many awards over the course of more than five decades of public service within the criminal justice system almost evenly divided between law enforcement/prosecution and criminal defense.

In his present position, Mr. Powell is the chief public defender and director of a high volume county governmental law firm comprised of 16 full time veteran trial attorneys, an average of 10 to 15 volunteer attorneys and 6 administrative professionals, further augmented year-round with an average of approximately 60 to 80 of the best and brightest student trial lawyers from law schools throughout the state and country, plus select undergraduate students who serve ably as criminal investigators.

Mr. Powell's work in public defense is his life's calling—not a job. Dedication to equal justice for everyone is the fiber of his being. He strives every day of the week to ensure that the criminal justice system will work for every person in Washtenaw County and that our constitutional rights are protected. It is for this reason that we select Mr. Powell as the 2010 honoree and recognize his commitment to the practice of just and humane resolution of conflict.