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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** State Board of Education

**From:** Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman

**Subject:** Adoption of Resolution Honoring the Michigan Teacher of the Year

Attached is a resolution in honor of the Michigan Teacher of the Year, William R. Cecil, fifth grade teacher at Waverly Intermediate School, Waverly Public Schools, Lansing, Michigan.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 16, 2003, honoring the Michigan Teacher of the Year.

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RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE  
MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, throughout Michigan and across the country, teachers open children's minds to the magic of ideas, knowledge, and dreams; and

WHEREAS, teachers keep American democracy alive by laying the foundation for good citizenship and their hard work and efforts are directly responsible for creating the leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, teachers fill many roles, as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators, and mentors; and

WHEREAS, teachers continue to influence us long after our school days are only memories; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has continually supported teachers with several quality initiatives, including the Michigan Teacher of Year program and the Milken National Educator Award;

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education, through its task force for Ensuring Excellent Educators, recognizes the need for elevating the profile of the teaching profession; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education have named William R. Cecil, fifth grade teacher at Waverly East Intermediate School, Waverly Public Schools, as the 2003-2004 Michigan Teacher of the Year; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to William R. Cecil and the thousands of educators around the great State of Michigan for their outstanding work; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education supports all efforts, training, and resources available to our state's educators so that they may continue to educate and positively influence the children of today as they become the leaders of tomorrow.