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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Honoring Reginald M. Turner

Attached is a draft resolution honoring Reginald Turner for his seven years of service on the State Board of Education.

The Board extends to Mr. Turner its highest regard and heartfelt gratitude for his dedication and expertise as a State Board of Education member.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated November 22, 2010, honoring Reginald M. Turner.

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RESOLUTION

REGINALD M. TURNER, JR.

WHEREAS, Reginald "Reggie" M. Turner, the son of Reginald Maurice Turner, Sr., and Annie Laurie Turner moved to Northwest Detroit in 1967; and

WHEREAS, Reggie earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Wayne State University in 1982; and his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 1987; and

WHEREAS, in 1996-97 Reggie completed a White House Fellowship in Washington, D.C. managing a Presidential Task Force and working as an aide to former Housing and Urban Development Secretaries Henry Cisneros and Andrew Cuomo; and

WHEREAS, Reggie was appointed to the State Board of Education on September 25, 2003 by Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, filling the unexpired term of Sharon Gire; and

WHEREAS, in August 2005, Reggie was elected President of the National Bar Association; and previously served as President of the State Bar of Michigan in 2002-03; and

WHEREAS, in November 2006 Reggie was elected to the State Board of Education for an eight year term commencing January 1, 2007 - January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, during Reggie's seven year tenure on the State Board of Education, the Board made great improvements in the rigor of the state's K-12 curriculum, and in the accountability measures that will help to provide quality education to all children across the state; and

WHEREAS, Reggie was a compassionate and caring voice for teachers, educational administrators, students, and parents; and

WHEREAS, Reggie is active in numerous public service, civic and charitable organizations including serving as Chairman of the City of Detroit Board of Ethics; from 2000-2003 he represented Detroit Mayors Dennis Archer and Kwame Kilpatrick on the Detroit Board of Education; served on Governor John Engler's Blue Ribbon Commission on Michigan Gaming and on the City of Detroit Brownfield Redevelopment Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Reggie resigned from the State Board of Education effective October 26, 2010 in order to spend more time with family and his law practice at Clark Hill, PLC where he specializes in government relations and management-side labor law; and volunteer in the educational community as he has for over 20 years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education extends to Reginald Turner its highest regard and heartfelt gratitude for the dedication and expertise he has brought to the children of Michigan, their parents, and the millions of Michigan citizens his work has affected and impacted; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education expresses its fervent wish that Reginald Turner enjoys many rewarding experiences after stepping down from the State Board of Education with his wife Marcia and their daughters Nia and Imani.