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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution Honoring the  
2010-2011 Michigan Teacher of the Year

Attached is a resolution in honor of the 2010-2011 Michigan Teacher of the Year, Matinga Ragatz, who will represent Michigan teachers during the 2010-2011 school year.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 26, 2010, honoring the 2010-2011 Michigan Teacher of the Year.

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RESOLUTION  
MATINGA RAGATZ  
MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR  
2010-2011

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 the Year program and the Milken National Educator Award; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education have named Matinga Ragatz, Global Studies teacher at Grand Ledge High School, Grand Ledge Public Schools, with 21 years of teaching experience, as the 2010-2011 Michigan Teacher of the Year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Matinga Ragatz 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.