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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution Honoring the 2009-2010 Michigan Teacher of the Year

Attached is a resolution in honor of the 2009-2010 Michigan Teacher of the Year, Rob Stephenson, who has represented Michigan teachers during the current school year.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum honoring the 2009-2010 Michigan Teacher of the Year.

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RESOLUTION
ROBERT L. STEPHENSON
2009-2010 MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Robert L. Stephenson received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theater and a Master of Education degree in Early Childhood from Kent State University; and

WHEREAS, Rob Stephenson has been a third grade teacher for 16 years at Wardcliff Elementary School in the Okemos Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education honored Robert L. Stephenson as the 2009-2010 Michigan Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stephenson has shared his passion for the teaching profession, his passion for the preservation of innovation and creativity in the classroom, and his passion for early literacy throughout his tenure as the Michigan Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stephenson has mentored and inspired many student teachers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stephenson was honored as one of four finalists for the 2010 National Teacher of the Year Award; as a Presidential Awardee for Excellence in Science Teaching in 2006; and as the 2005 Michigan Elementary Science Teacher of the Year; 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; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education, through its Task Force on Ensuring Excellent Educators, recognizes the need for elevating the profile of the teaching profession; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Stephenson 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.