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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman
Tom Watkins

SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution Honoring the 2003-2004 Michigan
Teacher of the Year – William R. Cecil

Attached is a resolution in honor of the 2003-2004 Michigan Teacher of the Year, William Cecil, 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 dated May 25, 2004, honoring the 2003-2004 Michigan Teacher of the Year – William R. Cecil.

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**RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF WILLIAM R. CECIL
2003-2004 Michigan Teacher of the Year**

WHEREAS, William R. Cecil graduated from Western Michigan University in 1986 with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and received a Michigan Elementary Continuing Teaching Certificate in 1992; and

WHEREAS, William R. Cecil began his employment with the Waverly Community Schools in 1986 as a fifth grade general education teacher; and

WHEREAS, William R. Cecil was selected for inclusion in Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2000; and

WHEREAS, throughout Michigan and across the country, teachers like Mr. Cecil open children's minds to the magic of ideas, knowledge, and dreams; 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, through its task force on 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 honored William R. Cecil 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.