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MEMORANDUM

To: State Board of Education

From: Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman


Subject: Adoption of Resolution in Honor of Ray H. Lawson

Attached is a resolution honoring Ray H. Lawson on the occasion of his retirement from teaching – a career that began in 1940.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 24, 2004, honoring Ray H. Lawson

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RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF RAY H. LAWSON

WHEREAS, Ray H. Lawson graduated from Central Teachers College in 1940, and from the University of Michigan in 1952, and received a Michigan Permanent Teaching Certificate in 1950; and

WHEREAS, Ray H. Lawson began his employment in Pewamo in 1940 as a secondary English and history teacher; and

WHEREAS, Ray H. Lawson served in the United States Army where he organized and taught Army classes for non-readers and writers; and

WHEREAS, Ray H. Lawson, began teaching English at Rochester High School in 1946; and

WHEREAS, Ray H. Lawson served as an active member of the Michigan Council of Teachers of English, the Michigan Education Association, the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association, and the Michigan Association of the Professions; and

WHEREAS, Ray H. Lawson received the Charles Carpenter Fries Award and the Michigan PTA Educational Service Award; and

WHEREAS, throughout Michigan and across the country, teachers like Ray H. Lawson open children's minds to the magic of ideas, knowledge, and dreams; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Ray H. Lawson for his outstanding work with Michigan students.