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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 2004-2005 Michigan  
Teacher of the Year – Heidi L. Capraro

Attached is a resolution in honor of the 2004-2005 Michigan Teacher of the Year, Heidi Capraro, who will represent Michigan teachers during the 2004-2005 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 2004-2005 Michigan Teacher of the Year – Heidi L. Capraro.

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**RESOLUTION  
HEIDI L. CAPRARO  
MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR  
2004-2005**

**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, the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, and the Milken National Educator Award; and**

**WHEREAS, the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education have named Heidi L. Capraro, sixth grade science teacher at Hillside Middle School, Northville Public Schools, as the 2004-2005 Michigan Teacher of the Year; now, therefore, be it**

**RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Heidi L. Capraro 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.**