JENNIFER HABERLING
2008-2009 Michigan Teacher of the Year

WHEREAS, Jennifer Haberling graduated from Central Michigan University in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology, and earned a teaching certificate and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Grand Valley State University with an emphasis in secondary English in 1994, and in 2005 received her master's degree in humanities at Central Michigan University; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Haberling has completed 14 years of successful experience teaching students at the middle school, high school, and college levels; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Haberling shows the true "heart and soul" of a great Teacher of the Year through her instructional techniques and communications with students, parents, staff, members of the State Board of Education, and staff at the Michigan Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Haberling's positive influence on the practice of her colleagues impacts hundreds of students beyond the walls or her classroom; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Haberling has served with great dignity and passion as the Michigan Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, throughout Michigan and across the country, teachers like Ms. Haberling open the minds of children 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 Year program, the Milken National Educator Award, and National Board Certification for Teachers; 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 Jen Haberling as the 2008-2009 Michigan Teacher of The Year; now therefore be it

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

Adopted June 9, 2009