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OAKLAND CIRCUIT JUDGE MICHAEL WARREN OPPOSES LEGISLATION TO ELIMINATE SOCIAL STUDIES ON MICHIGAN MERIT EXAM

Oakland County, MI (February 5, 2008) – In support of the strong position taken by Oakland Circuit Judge Michael Warren, the Board of Oakland County Commissioners recently unanimously voted to urge the Legislature to maintain social studies within public high schools and on the Michigan Merit Exam.

Presently, the Michigan Merit Exam (successor to the MEAP test) assesses 11th grade student academic levels in mathematics, science, social studies, and English language arts to establish a national standard of competency. From this assessment, school curriculums are improved, thereby promoting student performance that aligns with the national standards. Senate Bills SB805-06 would strip social studies from the Merit exam.

As a former member of the State Board of Education, Judge Warren recognized the truth within the issue of these bills to eliminate social studies from the exam. Although intended to save taxpayers some state aid, Judge Warren voiced opposition to the legislation that could ultimately eliminate American history, American government, world history, world geography, and economics from school curriculums.

“What is expected and tested is what will be taught and learned,” noted Judge Warren. “For the sake of some savings now, we could be paying the ultimate price later. Our society has done an exceedingly poor job in remembering and embracing the founding First Principles and history that have made the U.S. Constitution and this nation the greatest the world has ever known. This ignorance and disdain threaten our ability to survive as a free republic.”

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As Judge Warren recently stated in his book, “America’s Survival Guide, How to Stop America’s Impending Suicide by Reclaiming our First Principles and History,” “The ... enemies of freedom will win if we simply forget, or reject, what we are and the principles for which we stand.”

Prior to his judicial appointment, Judge Warren served as policy and legal advisor to the State Board of Education, later became a member and the Secretary of the State Board, and the Executive Director of The New Common School Foundation, where he provided legal counsel and directed strategic planning and development efforts.

Judge Warren was appointed to the Oakland County Circuit Court in December 2002 by Governor John Engler, and was subsequently elected without opposition in 2004 and 2006. Judge Warren is currently the sponsor of the Oakland County Electronic Management Data System (e-filing) project for the Oakland County Circuit Court.

Judge Warren is passionate about America and issues facing America’s future. In his most recent book entitled “America’s Survival Guide: How to Stop America’s Impending Suicide by Reclaiming Our First Principles and History,” Judge Warren alerts us to the dangers that come from abandoning our history and First Principles and warns America about the subtle war that rages for the minds and hearts of its citizens. The book is published by Mill City Press and is available at www.AmericasSurvivalGuide.com, www.Amazon.com, and other on-line retailers.

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An electronic photograph of Judge Warren is available. For a copy, please contact Marcia Travis at travism@oakgov.com