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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 31, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JANA FAGAN

FROM:

JIM CONNOR *JEC*

The attached release was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation:

"Write letter of thanks to him and his legislative colleagues."

Please arrange to have PFC prepare the necessary letters.

cc: Dick Cheney

Attachment:

Release dated 5/11/76 by State Rep. Dennis O. Cawthorne of Lansing, Michigan

From State Rep. Dennis O. Cawthorne
House of Representatives
Lansing, Michigan 48901
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 11, 1976

President Ford has won the primary election endorsement of 43 of Michigan's 44 Republican state representatives.

The announcement came from House Republican Leader Dennis O. Cawthorne, who said he was extremely pleased and "even somewhat surprised" at the solidarity of Mr. Ford's support among the GOP lawmakers.

Said Cawthorne, "Republican state legislators know that it is a tremendous asset to our state to have one of "its own" in the White House. We also feel that his nomination will strengthen our entire state ticket in November.

"More importantly, he is the best qualified and most experienced candidate in either party. We intend to work hard for Jerry Ford's nomination, and we are urging all Ford supporters in our respective House Districts to turn out on his behalf May 18."

Only Rep. Kirby Holmes of Utica did not join in the endorsement.

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his legislative colleagues.*