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MATT DURACK RECEIVES AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE FROM THE MICHIGAN RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION

LANSING, MI – The Michigan Restaurant Association (MRA) is pleased to announce that Matt Durack of Lake Orion has received the MRA Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor given by the Association. He was bestowed the honor at the MRA's annual Chairman's Dinner, held this year in Grand Rapids on January 26, 2014.

The Distinguished Service Award recognizes individuals who have provided exceptional and continuing leadership, vision, and commitment to Michigan's foodservice industry. Previous Distinguished Service Award winners select a new winner each year from submitted nominations.

Durack is president of Cregar Enterprises, a foodservice management company that contracts with metro Detroit area businesses (most notably Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester). Cregar Enterprises has been an MRA member for 67 years.

"I am honored and humbled by this recognition by my peers," said Durack. "Our industry is built on a tradition of 'active participation' and I hold that as a core value both personally and professionally."

Durack was first selected to the Board of Directors in 2002 and served as Treasurer, Vice Chairman, and Chairman of the Board. Durack continues to be an active supporter of all MRA activities, including serving as host of the annual MRA Political Action Committee holiday dinner at Meadow Brook Hall.

"Matt Durack embodies what it means to be an active member of the MRA," said Brian DeBano, president and CEO of the MRA. "He is a vigorous advocate and champion of the restaurant industry in Michigan, and the MRA is lucky to benefit from his participation."

Durack is also a devoted volunteer and has given his time to numerous organizations in his community including: St Leo's Soup Kitchen, Christmas in Action, Habitat for Humanity, as well as serving on mission trips. Durack and his wife, Vicki, have a son (Tim) and daughter (Elizabeth).

PHOTO: Matt Durack

The Michigan Restaurant Association (MRA) is the recognized leader of Michigan's hospitality industry, providing essential services to the foodservice community. Founded in 1921, the MRA represents nearly 4,500 Michigan foodservice establishments. The industry plays an integral role in Michigan's economy, employing almost 400,000 people and creating more than \$13.4 billion in annual sales.

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