

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 375.

A resolution of tribute offered for the Honorable Deb Kennedy.

Whereas, It is with deep appreciation for her strong commitment to our state and her notable contributions to the work of the Ninety-fifth Legislature that we commend and thank Representative Deb Kennedy. In the same manner in which she has long been dedicated to service in her Downriver community, she was devoted to issues of great significance to the people of the Twenty-third House District and the entire state of Michigan; and

Whereas, A graduate of Central Michigan University, Deb Kennedy gained valuable insights into the challenges of operating a small business through her 30-year career with Mary Kay. She has been actively involved in civic affairs, evident in her efforts running a nonprofit agency offering such diverse services as a 24-hour crisis hotline, senior transportation, and family services. Her years on the Woodhaven-Brownstown Board of Education and its education foundation also reflect her public-mindedness; and

Whereas, Deb Kennedy brought these varied and valuable experiences with her to the Capitol following her 2008 election. Representative Kennedy contributed to the legislative process through her work as a member of the Labor, Education, Great Lakes and Environment, and Intergovernmental and Regional Affairs Committees. Her voice in these key issue areas has been deeply appreciated; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor and thank Representative Deb Kennedy for her service during the Ninety-fifth Legislature; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Kennedy as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes.