

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 140

Rep. Miller offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to encourage the Governor to appoint Lois J.
2 Cross-Hart of the village of Cassopolis as Poet Laureate of the
3 state of Michigan.

4 Whereas, Poetry is an important art form with a rich
5 historical tradition. Composed with great creativity, poetry is
6 expressive writing that evokes emotion and communicates meaning.
7 Simply put, poetry is writing that moves us in many ways; and

8 Whereas, The appointment of a poet laureate will encourage a
9 greater appreciation for the reading and writing of poetry by the
10 people of Michigan and can help with our state's child literacy
11 problem. Appointing a poet laureate is also an opportunity to honor
12 a poet who has made significant cultural contributions to our
13 state; and



1 Whereas, Lois J. Cross-Hart is a talented and prolific poet
2 and a lifelong resident of Michigan. She was designated as the Cass
3 County Poet Laureate in March 2012 by the Cass County Board of
4 Commissioners. She has written thousands of poems, and her work has
5 a broad appeal reflective of her Michigan roots and diverse
6 background. She is well suited to be recognized as our state's
7 official poet; now, therefore, be it

8 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we encourage
9 the Governor to appoint Lois J. Cross-Hart of the village of
10 Cassopolis as Poet Laureate of the state of Michigan; and be it
11 further

12 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
13 Governor and Lois J. Cross-Hart.