

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 384

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

1 A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Alex Garza.

2 Whereas, It is with distinct pleasure that we take this time
3 to honor Representative Alex Garza as his tenure in the Michigan
4 House of Representatives comes to a close. He has been an honest
5 and passionate leader for his constituents in the Twelfth District,
6 which includes the cities of Taylor and Romulus and part of Van
7 Buren Township; and

8 Whereas, As a lifelong resident of Michigan, Representative
9 Garza has an innate and clear passion for serving Michiganders. He
10 earned an associate's degree in business management from Baker
11 College before earning a bachelor's degree in political science
12 from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Representative Garza

1 became the youngest and first person of color elected to a local
2 office in Taylor, Michigan when he was elected to the Taylor City
3 Council in 2013. As a testament to his success, he was re-elected
4 to City Council in 2017 and become the City Council Chairman.
5 Adding to his expertise in local government, Representative Garza
6 also developed knowledge of the Legislature as a legislative aide
7 for the Detroit City Council and as the Director of Constituent
8 Relations for former Representative Stephanie Chang. Representative
9 Garza has also served his community through his work as a member of
10 the Taylor Rotary Club and Taylor Goodfellows; and

11 Whereas, Representative Garza was elected to the Michigan
12 House of Representatives in 2018, becoming the youngest Latino ever
13 elected to this legislative body. He has served dutifully on the
14 Committee on Local Government and Municipal Finance and the
15 Committee on Regulatory Reform, and he was minority vice chair of
16 the House Agriculture Committee. He displayed commendable
17 leadership skills as Assistant Democratic Floor Leader.
18 Representative Garza worked tirelessly on legislation to improve
19 the lives of all Michiganders, and did so by collaborating in a
20 bipartisan manner on many occasions; now, therefore, be it

21 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this
22 expression of tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Alex Garza
23 for his notable contributions to this legislative body and to our
24 state; and be it further

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