

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.400

Rep. Wentworth offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution of tribute for Gary L. Randall.

2 Whereas, It is with great appreciation that the members of
3 this legislative body take this moment to honor Gary L. Randall as
4 he retires from his position of Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives. His steadfast devotion to this institution, his
6 calm and measured approach, and his respect for tradition while
7 embracing the future have set the highest standards of excellence
8 for his successors; and

9 Whereas, Gary Randall earned his position of leadership in our
10 state as the result of his lifetime commitment to hard work and
11 public service. Son of Clifton and Elsie Randall, he was raised in
12 the city of Ithaca. He went on to obtain his bachelor's degree from
13 Michigan State University in 1970 and his master's degree from

1 Central Michigan University in 1972. He married his wife, Brenda,
2 in 1973 and is the father of two children, Clifton and Amy, and the
3 proud grandfather to Eli, Charlie, and Molly; and

4 Whereas, Gary Randall began his professional career as program
5 director at WFYC Radio in Alma. He later moved to WCMU TV/WCML TV
6 in Mount Pleasant to become the director of public affairs and
7 served in that role from 1970 to 1979. His work exemplified his
8 ability to lead and connect with others, skills which he would
9 bring with him to the Legislature; and

10 Whereas, Gary Randall was first elected to the House of
11 Representatives in 1978, and served for 18 years. He excelled in
12 serving his constituents in Montcalm, Clinton, Clare, Isabella, and
13 Gratiot counties throughout his tenure as a legislator. As a member
14 of the House of Representatives, he served as the assistant
15 Republican leader; chaired committees on business and finance,
16 commerce, and joint capital outlay; was a vice chair for the
17 committees on public utilities and social services and youth; and
18 was a member of the committees on agriculture, finance, education,
19 administrative rules, conservation, environment and Great Lakes,
20 legislative retirement, capitol restoration, and the legislative
21 council; and

22 Whereas, Gary Randall remains committed to the betterment of
23 the state of Michigan. He served loyally as Assistant Clerk of the
24 House of Representatives from 1997 to 1998 and from 2007 to 2010,
25 and served as Clerk of the House of Representatives from 1999 to
26 2006 and again since 2011. Throughout his time in this role, his
27 legislative expertise and knowledge have been an invaluable asset
28 to this legislative body. He was also chair of the Michigan State
29 Capitol Commission, which was formed in 2014 to preserve, operate,

1 manage, and maintain the Capitol and Capitol Square. As chair, he
2 oversaw four projects in 2015 and 2016 to renew and restore the
3 capitol building and its surrounding grounds. In 2019, he oversaw
4 the approval and construction of Heritage Hall, a magnificent
5 welcome center for the Michigan Capitol building that will enhance
6 the visitor experience for years to come. Today, Heritage Hall
7 serves as a reminder of the selfless efforts made under his
8 leadership; and

9 Whereas, His love of giving back to his community expanded
10 beyond his work in the Legislature. Mr. Randall served as a member
11 of the Education Broadcast Association, Michigan Farm Bureau, the
12 Lions Club, Jaycees, the Elks, and Sigma Delta Chi. He was also on
13 the Library of Michigan Board of Trustees. His great care and
14 concern for others motivated him to give many, many hours of his
15 time as a mentor and counselor to countless people on both
16 professional and personal matters. We are proud to say that the
17 state of Michigan is better because of his devotion; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we honor Gary
20 L. Randall for his 44 years of distinguished service to this
21 legislative body and wish him well in his future endeavors; and be
22 it further

23 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
24 Gary L. Randall as a token of our appreciation and respect.