

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 416

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 Rodney Wakeman.

2 Whereas, It is a distinct pleasure to honor Representative  
3 Rodney Wakeman as his time in the Michigan House of Representatives  
4 comes to a close. He has served his constituents in the Ninety-  
5 fourth District, as well as all of Michigan's citizens, with  
6 dedication and leadership; and

7 Whereas, Representative Wakeman was born and raised in  
8 Saginaw. He earned an associate's degree in arts from Delta College  
9 and a Certificate of Mortuary Science from Wayne State University.  
10 His knowledge and savvy contributed to the success of his family  
11 business, Wakeman Funeral Home in Saginaw. Representative Wakeman  
12 is a proud servant of his community and is a member of the Holy

1 Cross Lutheran Church, the President of the Valley Lutheran High  
2 School Foundation, and a member of the Wayne State University  
3 School of Mortuary Science Advisory Committee, along with holding a  
4 number of other roles in community organizations. In 2011 and 2015,  
5 Representative Wakeman was appointed to the Michigan Board of  
6 Examiners in Mortuary Science by Governor Rick Snyder and served as  
7 chair from 2015 to 2018; and

8       Whereas, Representative Wakeman was elected to the Michigan  
9 House of Representatives in 2018. During his time, he served as the  
10 vice chair of the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation  
11 Committee and the Financial Services Committee. He also exemplified  
12 leadership as the chair of the committee on Families, Children, and  
13 Seniors. Representative Wakeman served dutifully as a member of the  
14 committees on Commerce and Tourism, Education, and Communications  
15 and Technology. Using his vast expertise, Representative Wakeman  
16 sponsored legislation to improve the licensed practice of Mortuary  
17 Science and worked to improve the lives of vulnerable Michigan  
18 residents; now, therefore, be it

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

23       Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
24 Representative Rodney Wakeman as a token of our appreciation and  
25 gratitude.