

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.400

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives, 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

1 Michigan State University in 1970 and his master's degree from  
2 Central Michigan University in 1972. He married his wife, Brenda,  
3 in 1973 and is the father of two children, Clifton and Amy, and the  
4 proud grandfather to Eli, Charlie, and Molly; and

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

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

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

1 Capitol Commission, which was formed in 2014 to preserve, operate,  
2 manage, and maintain the Capitol and Capitol Square. As chair, he  
3 oversaw four projects in 2015 and 2016 to renew and restore the  
4 capitol building and its surrounding grounds. In 2019, he oversaw  
5 the approval and construction of Heritage Hall, a magnificent  
6 welcome center for the Michigan Capitol building that will enhance  
7 the visitor experience for years to come. Today, Heritage Hall  
8 serves as a reminder of the selfless efforts made under his  
9 leadership; and

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

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

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