

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 402

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 Padma Kuppa.

2 Whereas, It is a privilege to recognize Representative Padma  
3 Kuppa as she departs from the House after four years of service. As  
4 a dedicated member of her community, she has been a powerful  
5 champion for the Forty-first District, which includes the cities of  
6 Troy and Clawson, and for all the people of Michigan; and

7 Whereas, Representative Kuppa is a proud Indian immigrant and  
8 career woman. She earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical  
9 engineering from the National Institute of Technology in Warangal,  
10 India, then had a varied career in higher education, marketing, the  
11 automotive and financial industries, and information technology. In  
12 her over two decades in Michigan, she has built a loving family and

1 strong ties to the city of Troy, where she co-founded the Troy-area  
 2 Interfaith Group, previously worked as a planning commissioner and  
 3 on the zoning board of appeals for the city, and currently serves  
 4 as president of the Troy Historical Society. In 2015, she was  
 5 inducted into the MI-India Hall of Fame. The first Hindu to serve  
 6 in the Michigan Legislature, Representative Kuppa is a member of  
 7 the Bharatiya Temple of Metropolitan Detroit, a former board member  
 8 of the Hindu American Foundation, and a current board member of the  
 9 Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion; and

10       Whereas, Since her election in 2018, Representative Kuppa has  
 11 worked tirelessly to improve the everyday lives of Michigan's  
 12 citizens. During her first term, she was awarded a fellowship to  
 13 attend the Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development,  
 14 where she demonstrated her commitment to being the best possible  
 15 representative for her constituents. Representative Kuppa was a  
 16 member of leadership as the Assistant Democratic Whip, and she  
 17 served on the committees on Energy, Local Government and Municipal  
 18 Finance, Rules and Competitiveness, and Tax Policy. Additionally,  
 19 Representative Kuppa was appointed to the Prescription Drug Task  
 20 Force, and she drew on her education and technical career on the  
 21 MiSTEM Council. Representative Kuppa supported legislation to  
 22 facilitate broader participation in the democratic process and  
 23 improve the health of the people of Michigan; now, therefore, be it

24       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this  
 25 expression of tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Padma  
 26 Kuppa for her notable contributions to this legislative body and to  
 27 our state; and be it further

28       Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
 29 Representative Kuppa as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes.