

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 417

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 Mary Whiteford.

2 Whereas, It is with great joy and appreciation that we
3 recognize Representative Mary Whiteford as her time in the Michigan
4 House of Representatives concludes. She has been a strong and
5 empowering leader for her constituents in the Eightieth District;
6 and

7 Whereas, Representative Whiteford brought a wealth of
8 knowledge and experience to the Legislature. She earned her
9 bachelor of science degree in nursing from Northern Illinois
10 University before working in pediatric neurosurgery and emergency
11 units for 15 years. She is also a small business owner; together
12 with her husband, Kevin, Representative Whiteford operates a

1 financial planning firm. Representative Whiteford is a passionate
2 member of her community and has volunteered in schools, led
3 homeowners associations, and was appointed to the Michigan Women's
4 Commission to raise awareness of human trafficking. She is a proud
5 mother of three children, Scott, Alisa, and Ken, and a grandmother
6 to Reese, Beckham, Novak, and Wellington; and

7 Whereas, Representative Whiteford was elected to the Michigan
8 House of Representatives in 2016. Her trusted expertise allowed
9 Representative Whiteford to be appointed as the chair of the
10 Appropriations subcommittees on both Environmental Quality and
11 Health and Human Services as well as the vice chair of the
12 Subcommittee on Agriculture and Rural Development. Throughout her
13 tenure, she also served on the Appropriations subcommittees of
14 Health and Human Services; Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and
15 Insurance and Financial Services; and Joint Capital Outlay. She has
16 also served as a member on the Health Policy Committee. In her
17 third term, Representative Whiteford served as both majority vice
18 chair and chair of the Appropriations Committee. Throughout her
19 time, Representative Whiteford staunchly advocated for the
20 betterment of Michigan's mental health system, as evidenced by her
21 successful sponsorship of the law creating the Michigan Crisis and
22 Access Line. She also sought to make lasting improvements to the
23 child welfare system through her work on the Adoption and Foster
24 Care Task Force. Above all, she is proud to be a role model for her
25 children and grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

26 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this
27 expression of tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Mary
28 Whiteford for her notable contributions to this legislative body;
29 and be it further

- 1 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
- 2 Representative Whiteford to extend our thanks and well wishes.