

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 418

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 Tenisha Yancey.

2 Whereas, It is with gratitude that we take the time to honor
3 Representative Tenisha Yancey for her work on behalf of the
4 citizens of Michigan and, in particular, her constituents in the
5 First District. Throughout her tenure in the House, her hard work
6 has benefited not only the people of Grosse Pointe Woods, Harper
7 Woods, Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, and Detroit, but all of
8 Michigan's citizens; and

9 Whereas, Born and raised on the east side of Detroit,
10 Representative Yancey's life experiences have made her a true
11 representative of Michiganders. She holds a bachelor's degree in
12 applied science from Eastern Michigan University and a juris doctor

1 from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. In her career,
2 she showed her devotion to public service and to her community as a
3 project manager for the Wayne County Land Bank, as a government
4 relations executive and community outreach coordinator with the
5 Wayne County Executive's Office, as an assistant prosecuting
6 attorney in the Juvenile Division of the Wayne County Prosecutor's
7 Office, and as a member of the Harper Woods Board of Education. She
8 also became a proud mother of one child and grandmother to three
9 grandchildren. She remains an active member of the Delta Sigma
10 Theta Sorority, and she is excited for the opportunity to continue
11 to serve her community as a Thirty-Sixth District Court judge after
12 leaving the Legislature; and

13 Whereas, Since her election to the House of Representatives in
14 2017, Representative Yancey drew on her personal experiences to
15 become an advocate for the hardworking people in the First
16 District. She served on the Joint Task Force on Jail and Pretrial
17 Incarceration, which saw many of its recommendations become
18 legislation. She also served on the Jail Reform Advisory Council,
19 which followed the outcomes of legislation from the Task Force.
20 Representative Yancey proudly worked on legislation for
21 expungements of driving under the influence offenses, seeing the
22 value in providing second chances to more Michiganders who need it.
23 She served with distinction as the minority vice chair of the Tax
24 Policy Committee and was also a member of the House committees on
25 Judiciary, Regulatory Reform, and Transportation. Her dedication
26 and integrity stand as a clear example of what it takes to be a
27 successful public servant and strong leader; now, therefore, be it

28 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this
29 expression of tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Tenisha

1 Yancey for her notable contributions to this legislative body and
2 to our state; and be it further

3 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
4 Representative Tenisha Yancey as evidence of our appreciation and
5 best wishes as she leaves this legislative body.