

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.423

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 Ben Frederick.

2 Whereas, It is an honor to recognize the Honorable Ben  
3 Frederick as he concludes his six years of service in the Michigan  
4 House of Representatives. He is a respected colleague who has  
5 worked tirelessly for the betterment of the Eighty-fifth District,  
6 which includes Shiawassee County and the southwestern portion of  
7 Saginaw County, and to secure a bright future for all of Michigan;  
8 and

9 Whereas, Representative Frederick has spent his career as a  
10 devoted servant of the people, dedicating most of his adult life to  
11 various public service roles beginning at age 19. At the state  
12 level, he worked as a legislative staffer and campaign manager for

1 various legislators for over fourteen years. At the local level,  
2 Representative Frederick served as a member of the Owosso City  
3 Council and as mayor of Owosso for seven years, the youngest person  
4 to hold that position in city history. During his time as an  
5 elected official, Representative Frederick earned a bachelor's  
6 degree in interdisciplinary studies from Liberty University and a  
7 master's degree in management and leadership from Western Governors  
8 University. In 2012, Representative Frederick was named a Citizen  
9 of the Year by the Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce, and he  
10 has worked with many other organizations, including the Pregnancy  
11 Resource Center of Shiawassee County, Shiawassee-Saginaw Habitat  
12 for Humanity, the Kiwanis Club of Owosso, and Friends of the  
13 Shiawassee River. Representative Frederick married his high school  
14 sweetheart, Lydia, and together they are raising their family in  
15 his hometown of Owosso; and

16       Whereas, Representative Frederick has served as chair of the  
17 Committee on Workforce and Trade Development, majority vice chair  
18 of the Committee on Health Policy, and a member of the committees  
19 on Agriculture, Appropriations, Commerce and Trade, Energy,  
20 Insurance, Local Government, and Regulatory Reform. On the  
21 Appropriations Committee, he served as chair of the Subcommittee on  
22 Higher Education and Community Colleges. Representative Frederick  
23 was also appointed to the Select Committee on Reducing Car  
24 Insurance Rates, the House Fiscal Agency Governing Committee, the  
25 Michigan Workforce Development Board, and the Legislative Council.  
26 While Representative Frederick successfully sponsored a variety of  
27 bills, his areas of focus included providing greater postsecondary  
28 educational opportunities for adult learners, elevating  
29 professional trades careers, incentivizing economic development and

1 historic preservation, and advocating for adults and children with  
2 special needs; and

3       Whereas, In his final term, Representative Frederick was  
4 appointed Majority Floor Leader. In this role, he concentrated on  
5 preserving the integrity and traditions of the House of  
6 Representatives while effectively and efficiently steering the  
7 chamber in the passage of several notable pieces of legislation,  
8 including bills sponsored or promoted by Representative Frederick  
9 to help Michigan students pursue apprenticeships, support small  
10 businesses, appropriate record investments for higher education,  
11 and create greater opportunities for jobs for the hardworking  
12 people of Michigan; now, therefore, be it

13       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this  
14 expression of tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Ben  
15 Frederick for his notable contributions to this legislative body  
16 and to our state; and be it further

17       Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
18 Representative Frederick as evidence of our gratitude and best  
19 wishes.