

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 181

Senators Shirkey and Ananich offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Kim LaSata.

2 Whereas, The members of this chamber commend the Honorable Kim
3 LaSata as her time representing the Twenty-first District in the
4 Michigan Senate comes to a close. Since stepping into her role in
5 2019, Senator LaSata has served Michigan's citizens with
6 distinction, especially her constituents in Berrien, Cass, and St.
7 Joseph counties as their first female Senator; and

8 Whereas, Senator LaSata's professional and educational
9 background provided a basis for her success in carrying out the
10 duties of her office. Senator LaSata holds a bachelor's degree in
11 education as well as a master's degree in literacy studies from
12 Western Michigan University. Her prior experiences as a teacher in
13 her alma mater, the Lake Michigan Catholic School System - for

1 which she was selected Teacher of the Year in 2015 - have been
2 invaluable in her work in this legislative body. Senator LaSata's
3 commitment to her community is demonstrated through her service as
4 president of the Women's Service League in Berrien County, of
5 Berrien County Guardianship Services, Inc., and of the Capstone
6 Center and as vice-chair of Child and Family Services-Southwest.
7 Before assuming her role in the Senate, Senator LaSata served as a
8 member of the Michigan House of Representatives from 2017 to 2018.
9 Senator LaSata is also the devoted wife to her husband, Charlie,
10 who formerly served in the House, and loving mother to four
11 children: Sarah, Anna, Chas, and Claire; and

12 Whereas, Senator LaSata's service to this chamber is a
13 testament to the dedication she holds for her constituency. Senator
14 LaSata served as chair of the Appropriations subcommittee on
15 Universities and Community Colleges as well as vice chair of the
16 Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, the Advice and Consent
17 Committee, and the Appropriations subcommittee on Capital Outlay.
18 In addition, Senator LaSata actively served as a member of the
19 Appropriations subcommittee on Community Health/Human Services and
20 the committees on Economic and Small Business Development, Energy
21 and Technology, Health Policy and Human Services, and Insurance and
22 Banking. During her time in this chamber, the Senator championed
23 legislation to establish new scholarship opportunities for students
24 across the state as well as to honor the legacy of police officers
25 fallen in the line of duty. Throughout her tenure, Senator LaSata
26 proved to be a committed servant to Michiganders everywhere and a
27 leader in this legislative body, as evidenced by her election and
28 service as Assistant Majority Floor Leader; now, therefore, be it

29 Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of

1 tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Kim LaSata for her
2 notable contributions to the Senate and to our state; and be it
3 further

4 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
5 Senator LaSata as an expression of our gratitude and sincere best
6 wishes.