

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 413

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 William Sowerby.

2 Whereas, It is with sincere gratitude that we honor
3 Representative William Sowerby as his tenure in the Michigan House
4 of Representatives comes to a close. He has shown great dedication
5 not only to his constituents in the Thirty-first District, but to
6 all of Michigan's citizens; and

7 Whereas, Representative Sowerby grew up in Saint Clair Shores
8 as one of five children. He attended Lake Shore High School and
9 received a bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology from Wayne
10 State University. He was employed as an automotive sales
11 representative for eighteen years and was elected to the Macomb
12 County Board of Commissioners in 1988. As a commissioner,

1 Representative Sowerby made significant strides towards bettering
 2 his community. He also served as a board member of the Community
 3 Mental Health Board and of S.M.A.R.T., a public bus transportation
 4 service. Representative Sowerby was elected treasurer of the
 5 Charter Township of Clinton, where he served five terms, and
 6 chaired the Clinton Township Community Blood Drive, which collected
 7 six-thousand two hundred-forty pints of blood under his leadership.
 8 He is married to Dr. Martha Higgins, who he is looking forward to
 9 spending more time with in retirement. He is the proud father of
 10 one son, Brad, and daughter-in-law, Briana, and a grandfather to
 11 one grandson, Braydon. Representative Sowerby is active in downhill
 12 skiing, hiking, bicycling, and volunteering; and

13 Whereas, Representative Sowerby was elected to the Michigan
 14 House of Representatives in 2016. During his time, he served with
 15 distinction as the minority vice chair of the Natural Resources and
 16 Outdoor Recreation Committee. He was also a member of the
 17 committees on Judiciary, Education, and Local Government and
 18 Municipal Finance. Representative Sowerby is proud of his perfect
 19 attendance and voting record over his six years of service and
 20 using tough scrutiny to consider all legislation. Of all his work,
 21 Representative Sowerby is most proud of his efforts to protect
 22 Michiganders from negligent construction companies and to increase
 23 government transparency; 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 William
 26 Sowerby for his notable contributions to this legislative body and
 27 to our state; and be it further

28 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
 29 Representative Sowerby as evidence of our gratitude and well wishes

1 for the future.