

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 337.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Julie Dennis.

Whereas, It is a privilege to join the members of the Michigan House of Representatives in paying tribute to the Honorable Julie Dennis. She has upheld the finest traditions of the Michigan Legislature in her endeavors to promote sound public policy and bring the concerns of her district to Lansing; and

Whereas, Julie Dennis earned a bachelor's degree from Allegheny College and a teaching certificate from Grand Valley State University. In college, she excelled in sports and was twice named an NCAA All-American in softball. During her more than a decade as a secondary school teacher and as the assistant softball coach at Grand Valley for two years, Ms. Dennis focused on education and health as foundations for future greatness; and

Whereas, Elected in 1998 for the first of her three terms in the Michigan Legislature, Representative Dennis maintained her firm commitment to health issues and children. Her role as vice chair for the House Committee on Higher Education was particularly suited to her education background. Throughout her tenure, Representative Dennis stayed involved in her community. She may be justifiably proud of her advocacy for Miles for Smiles, a program of the Muskegon Community Health Project's Dental Coalition that brings dental care to needy children. Truly, Representative Dennis has contributed greatly to the Muskegon region and our entire state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we honor Representative Julie Dennis as she concludes her tenure of service in the Michigan House of Representatives; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Dennis as evidence of our esteem and best wishes.