

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

**House Resolution No. 423.**

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Winnie Brinks.

Whereas, It is with deep appreciation for her service to the citizens of Michigan that the members of this legislative body join in expressing our appreciation to Representative Winnie Brinks. Over the past six years, Representative Brinks has been a dedicated member of this legislative body and to her constituents in the Seventy-sixth District; and

Whereas, Winnie Brinks has a broad background that includes education, human services, and service in the nonprofit sector. Her preparation for her career pursuits began with a bachelor's degree in Spanish from Calvin College. She worked in the nonprofit sector as executive director of The One Way House, a corrections agency. She was actively involved with Grand Rapids Christian Schools and Godfrey-Lee public schools. Additionally, she served as a caseworker at the employee support organization, The Source; and

Whereas, Representative Brinks was first elected to the House of Representatives in 2012. She held a leadership position as minority vice chair of the Health Policy Committee during the 2017-2018 session. In 2015 she served as vice chair of the Workforce and Talent Development Committee and on the Education, Health Policy and Tourism and Outdoor Recreation committees. Additionally, she served on the Agriculture, Education Reform, and Military and Veterans Affairs committees; and

Whereas, From her involvement in efforts to address the growing PFAS contamination issue in the state to efforts to improve education funding, Representative Brinks has made improving the lives and health of Michigan families a priority during her legislative career. As a legislator she has embodied a deep and abiding commitment to public service; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Winnie Brinks as she brings to a close her service in the Michigan House of Representatives; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Winnie Brinks as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes as she moves onto the Senate.