

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

House Resolution No. 474.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Laura Cox.

Whereas, It is a pleasure to honor Representative Laura Cox as she concludes her time as a member of the Michigan House of Representatives. Her leadership within this legislative body and her commitment to the people of the Nineteenth District will be missed; and

Whereas, Representative Cox was a devoted public servant prior to her election to the House of Representatives. After earning a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and master's degree in criminal justice research and planning at Michigan State University, she went to work battling drug trafficking and financial crimes as a special agent with the U.S. Customs Service. After 13 years in law enforcement, Representative Cox was elected to the Wayne County Commission in 2004; and

Whereas, Representative Cox quickly became an influential member of the Legislature, serving on the Appropriations Committee during her first term where she was chair of the subcommittee on General Government, vice chair of the subcommittee on Judiciary, and a member of subcommittees on Health and Human Services, Higher Education, and Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. During her second term, she rose to chair of the Appropriations Committee. In addition to shepherding the state's budget through the House, she worked to pass legislation on a variety of issues including retirement, adult foster care, and human trafficking; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Laura Cox for her notable contributions to this legislative body and to our state; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Cox as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes.