

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

House Resolution No. 444.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Kim LaSata.

Whereas, For serving this legislative body with great commitment, we commend and thank Representative Kim LaSata. For the past two years, she has worked diligently for the residents of the Seventy-ninth District located in southwest Michigan and the entire state of Michigan; and

Whereas, Representative Kim LaSata embarked on her career in education and public service upon graduating from Western Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in literacy studies. Before her election to the Michigan Legislature in 2016, she taught fifth grade for over a decade at Lake Michigan Catholic Elementary School and was selected by her school as Teacher of the Year in 2015. She has been active in many community organizations, serving as the past president of Berrien County Guardianship Services, Inc., Women's Service League, and Capstone Center and as vice chair of Child and Family Services; and

Whereas, Representative LaSata brought her experience as an educator to the Legislature and was a strong advocate for increasing K-12 funding as a member of the Appropriations Committee. She was the chair of the Higher Education Subcommittee where she led efforts to ensure quality education by stabilizing tuition costs, improving state scholarship programs, and implementing sexual assault reporting requirements. She also served as the vice chair of the General Government Subcommittee and as a member on the Agriculture and Rural Development and Health and Human Services subcommittees; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Kim LaSata 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 LaSata as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes as she moves onto the Senate.