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

House Resolution No. 347.

A resolution for the Honorable Artina Tinsley Hardman.

Whereas, As she brings to a close a distinguished tenure of service as a member of the Michigan House of Representatives, it is a privilege to salute the Honorable Artina Tinsley Hardman. Indeed, Artina Tinsley Hardman was elected to the first of her three consecutive terms in the House in 1998. Since that time she has compiled an outstanding record of service on behalf of the people of her district and the entire state of Michigan. She is to be commended; and

Whereas, Artina Tinsley Hardman's work as a lawmaker personifies her life as a concerned and active member of society. From efforts on behalf of youth health, safety, and employment to service on behalf of her church and community, Artina Tinsley Hardman exemplified the finest qualities of the human spirit; and

Whereas, As a member of the House, Artina Tinsley Hardman served with distinction as the Minority Vice Chair of the Committee on Family and Children Services and as a member of the Health Policy and Local Government and Urban Policy Committees. As evidence of the respect in which she is held, Representative Hardman was also selected to be the chair of the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus; and

Whereas, Service, it is said, is the rent we pay for our space on Earth. Clearly, Artina Tinsley Hardman has more than paid her rent. Her work on legislation to benefit juvenile justice, support grandparent rights, quality health care, and, enhance the rights of all speaks volumes to her warmth of heart and concern for the well-being of others; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the highest accolade of tribute be extended to honor Artina Tinsley Hardman as she brings to a close a distinguished tenure of service with the Michigan House of Representatives; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this document be presented to the Honorable Artina Tinsley Hardman as evidence of our esteem and best wishes.