

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

**House Resolution No. 359.**

A resolution for the Honorable Ruth Johnson.

Whereas, It is a privilege to extend the congratulations of this legislative body to Representative Ruth Johnson as she completes her service in the House of Representatives. Since her election in 1998, Representative Johnson has been an outspoken leader on issues that impact the lives of citizens across this state, particularly in the areas of government accountability, land use, and education. Her own life experiences contributed to her tireless work ethic, perseverance, and dedication to being a strong voice for children and other vulnerable populations; and

Whereas, Representative Johnson brought to the legislature a wealth of local government experience that includes a decade of service as an Oakland County Commissioner and a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission. This knowledge of local government operations formed the basis of her beliefs that public institutions must be held accountable. Her work in Lansing investigating intermediate school district spending resulted in new provisions that require competitive bidding on construction and remodeling projects, state audits, and other significant reforms; and

Whereas, A key part of Representative Johnson's work as a legislator was her dedication at the committee level. She shared her knowledge and vision of land preservation as the chair of the Land Use and Environment Committee for two legislative sessions and as a member of the Governor's Land Use Leadership Council. Her active participation in the legislative process resulted in a series of changes to land use and zoning laws; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of admiration and thanks to Representative Johnson for her service to the people of this state as a member of the House of Representatives; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Ruth Johnson as evidence of our admiration and best wishes.