

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

House Resolution No. 348.

A resolution of tribute to the Honorable Dianne Byrum.

Whereas, As she brings to a close a long and highly productive career as a lawmaker, it is an honor for the members of the Michigan House of Representatives to extend our best wishes and highest commendation to Dianne Byrum. Indeed, as a member of this body and as a House leader, Dianne Byrum has exemplified the finest qualities of public service. She has clearly been an example for us all; and

Whereas, Dianne Byrum earned degrees at Lansing Community College and Michigan State University and served eight years as an Ingham County commissioner before being elected to her first term in the House in 1990. She was subsequently reelected to the House of Representatives in 1992, and, in 1994, Dianne was elected to the first of her two terms in the Michigan Senate. With her election in 2002, Dianne Byrum returned back to her "home" in the House; and

Whereas, As a member of this legislative chamber Dianne Byrum has developed a strong reputation for her hard work, commitment to good government, and, above all, her outstanding constituent service. Moreover, Representative Byrum was instrumental in adopting legislation to protect the public against domestic violence, stalking, and other predatory criminal behaviors. These measures, and her entire legislative record, stand as a sterling reflection of her warmth of heart and spirit of concern for the well-being of others. We can be sure that these fine qualities will continue to serve her well as she brings to a close her responsibilities as a member of the Michigan House of Representatives; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That a unanimous accolade of tribute be extended to salute the Honorable Dianne Byrum as she brings to a close her career with the House of Representatives; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Dianne Byrum as evidence of our esteem and best wishes.