

Rep. Bieda offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 258.

A resolution honoring the life of Kimberly M. Cahill.

Whereas, Kimberly Cahill passed away Monday January 21, 2008 after a brief but courageous battle with cancer. Kimberly served as the 72nd president of the State Bar of Michigan. She was the fourth woman to hold that distinction; and

Whereas, Kimberly will always be remembered by her outstanding service to the Bar and to the legal profession. She was an extraordinarily gifted lawyer who was generous beyond measure in sharing her talents on behalf of the profession she loved. Her inspiring leadership and tireless efforts on behalf of access to justice have left an indelible mark, and have strengthened both the organized bar and the legal system in Michigan. Those of us who had the pleasure of working with her are richer for having known her, and we will miss her exuberant spirit and uncommon common sense; and

Whereas, Kimberly practiced law in Center Line for more than twenty years. Her long-time law partners were her mother, Florence Schoenherr-Warnez and sister, Dana M. Warnez. Their practice focused on real estate, probate, estate planning, and family law matters. She was also the president of Schoenherr Developments, Inc., a company that acquires, develops, constructs, and leases commercial, industrial, and office properties; and

Whereas, Kimberly served as a State Bar commissioner from 1997-2007 and chaired the Representative Assembly from 1999-2000. She also served as commissioner liaison to numerous sections and committees, and served as the statewide chair of the Bar's Access to Justice Campaign. She also sat on the board of the Michigan State Bar Foundation, which helps administer and coordinate grants to legal service providers; and

Whereas, Kimberly was a life-long resident of Warren, and was very active in her local community. She held many leadership positions, including president of the Macomb County Bar Association in 2001-2002. She was a founding member and recent past-president of the Macomb County Bar Foundation. She also served as president of both the Macomb region of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan (WLAM) in 1989 and the state WLAM in 1996. She also served as treasurer of the WLAM Foundation, which promotes educational opportunities for women lawyers and law students; and

Whereas, During her distinguished career, Kimberly was honored with many awards and accolades, including the Alexander Macomb Citizen of the Year Award in 1998. A graduate of the University of Michigan, she received her Bachelors of Arts in 1982 and her Jurist Doctor in 1985. She is survived by her mother, Florence Schoenherr-Warnez and sisters Dana M. Warnez and Pamela M. Cahill; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body honor the life of Kimberly M. Cahill, a lifelong champion of justice; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be presented to Kimberly's family as evidence of our esteem.

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