

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

House Resolution No. 463.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Margaret E. O'Brien.

Whereas, It is a privilege for the members of this body to acknowledge the distinguished tenure of Representative Margaret E. O'Brien. As she brings to a close her time here in the House of Representatives, we applaud her dedication to public service within the halls of the state Capitol and to the citizens of the Sixty-first District; and

Whereas, First elected to the Legislature in 2010, Representative O'Brien brought with her considerable public- and private-sector work experience. A graduate of the James Madison College at Michigan State University, she developed a reputation as a tireless worker for disadvantaged teens and mothers in her hometown of Kalamazoo. She has also served as chair of the Kalamazoo County Environmental Health Advisory Committee and Kalamazoo County Environmental Health Advisory Council. An accomplished real estate agent, Representative O'Brien served for seven years on the Portage City Council. Her experience in business and the community provided a solid foundation for understanding the needs of her constituents; and

Whereas, Representative O'Brien has distinguished herself as a leader willing to take on tough challenges for the betterment of constituents in her district and all Michiganders. Under her leadership as Associate Speaker Pro Tempore and vice-chair of the House Tax Policy Committee, Representative O'Brien has strongly pursued legislation aimed at improving public education, protecting our state's most vulnerable, and improving Michigan's business climate; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we extend our gratitude to the Honorable Margaret E. O'Brien for her outstanding contributions to this legislative body and wish her the best as she joins our colleagues in the state Senate; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative O'Brien as evidence of our esteem and best wishes.