

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

House Resolution No. 464.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Stacy Erwin Oakes.

Whereas, The members of this legislative body are proud to commend Representative Stacy Erwin Oakes and thank her for her notable contributions to the legislative process over the past four years. Her dedication and concern for the people in the Ninety-fifth District and the entire state have been deeply appreciated; and

Whereas, Stacy Erwin Oakes grew up in Saginaw and is a proud alumnus of the Saginaw public schools. After obtaining a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Ferris State University and a law degree from Michigan State University, she began a career of dedicated public service. She worked at the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, as a policy analyst in the House of Representatives, as a teacher in the Saginaw public schools, as an adjunct professor at Saginaw Valley University, and as an assistant attorney general for the state of Michigan; and

Whereas, Stacy Erwin Oakes brought her knowledge, skills, experiences, and commitment to public service to Lansing upon her election to the House of Representatives in a 2010 special election. Her colleagues on the agriculture, judiciary, commerce, and financial services committees benefited greatly from her thoughtful analysis of assigned legislation. As the vice-chair of the Criminal Justice Committee, she contributed valuable insight that she had gained while working in the Saginaw Correctional Facility. In recognition of her excellent leadership skills, she was chosen to be the vice-chair of the Legislative Black Caucus and to be the Minority Whip in 2012; now, therefore, be

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we honor and thank Representative Stacy Erwin Oakes as she brings to a close her four years of distinguished service as a lawmaker; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Erwin Oakes as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes.