

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 332

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

1 A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Wendell Byrd.

2 Whereas, It is with great appreciation for his commitment to
3 the people of the Third District and all of Michigan that we honor
4 Representative Wendell Byrd on his retirement from the Michigan
5 House of Representatives. With a tenacity that has served him well
6 over the past six years, Representative Byrd was elected in 2014 to
7 serve the district not far from his childhood home in Detroit; and

8 Whereas, A graduate from the Detroit College of Business,
9 Representative Byrd worked as a tax accountant auditor for the
10 state of Michigan, as a deputy city comptroller for the city of
11 Ecorse, and as a small business owner involved in taxation and
12 business consulting. He was also a partner in a funeral home

1 business for 10 years. He came to Lansing ready to diversify his
2 areas of interest and work on several different issues; and

3 Whereas, Representative Byrd's education and experience were
4 assets to several committees, including the Tax Policy Committee,
5 on which he served as minority vice chair. He was an influential
6 member of several other House committees, including Commerce and
7 Trade, Energy Policy, Financial Liability Reform, Military and
8 Veterans Affairs, and Ways and Means. Intent on giving his
9 constituents a voice in Lansing, Representative Byrd sponsored
10 multiple pieces of legislation affecting individual and city income
11 taxes and property and use taxes. He also reached across the aisle
12 to participate in the bipartisan bill package addressing concerns
13 with alleged fraud in Michigan's unemployment insurance system and
14 legislation addressing lawful internet gaming; now, therefore, be
15 it

16 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this
17 expression of tribute to recognize and commend the Honorable
18 Wendell Byrd for his notable contributions to this legislative body
19 and our state; and be it further

20 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
21 Representative Byrd as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes.