

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.175

Senators Shirkey and Ananich offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Betty Jean
2 Alexander.

3 Whereas, It is an honor to recognize Senator Betty Jean
4 Alexander as she concludes her service in the Senate. Since her
5 election in 2018, Senator Alexander has been a champion of the
6 people of the Fifth District, which includes the cities of Detroit,
7 Dearborn Heights, Garden City, and Inkster, and Redford Township,
8 and she has worked to improve the lives of all residents of this
9 great state; and

10 Whereas, Senator Alexander's life experiences have made her a
11 true representative of the hardworking people of Michigan. Born in
12 Arkansas, her family moved to New Mexico, where she attended Rio
13 Grande High School and the Albuquerque Technical Vocational

1 Institute. Prior to her service in the Michigan Senate, she showed
2 her devotion to public service and to her community through her
3 work as a clerical specialist for the Wayne County Clerk's Office
4 and an administrative assistant for two foster care agencies, Starr
5 Commonwealth and Holy Cross Children's Services. Senator Alexander
6 is also the proud mother of two daughters; and

7 Whereas, During her four years in the Senate, Senator
8 Alexander drew on her personal experiences to be an advocate for
9 the hardworking people of her district. She successfully sponsored
10 a bill in a legislative package that allowed Michigan to receive
11 the full amount of settlement proceeds related to lawsuits stemming
12 from the opioid epidemic. This legislation expanded the state's
13 efforts to combat opioid addiction and formally recognized the
14 severity of the crisis. Representing all parents and workers,
15 Senator Alexander advocated for safe and affordable drinking water,
16 improved infrastructure, women's rights and access to health care,
17 and an increase in the minimum wage. Senator Alexander served as
18 minority vice chair of the Committee on Local Government and a
19 member of the Committee on Families, Seniors, and Veterans and the
20 Committee on Finance; now, therefore, be it

21 Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of
22 tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Betty Jean Alexander for
23 her notable contributions to this legislative body and to our
24 state; and be it further

25 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
26 Senator Alexander as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes.