

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

House Resolution No. 436.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Vicki Barnett.

Whereas, The House of Representatives is honored to commend and thank Representative Vicki Barnett as she completes her service to the Thirty-seventh District and citizens of Michigan. For six years, Representative Barnett has worked resolutely to create Michigan jobs, improve public schools in Michigan, and shape a fair tax structure; and

Whereas, First elected to the Legislature in 2008, Representative Barnett brought with her tremendous experience working in local government and as an investment consultant. A graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, she began her career in public service as a member of the Farmington Hills City Council, a position she held for eight years, before being elected mayor in 2003, serving in that capacity for four years. Representative Barnett has also served as the president of the Michigan Municipal League, chair of the Data Advisory Council for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, vice-chair of the National Task Force on Interoperability, and as a board member of the National League of Cities. These experiences have been invaluable to her understanding of the needs of Oakland County residents; and

Whereas, Over the past six years, Representative Barnett has earned a reputation as a dedicated member of this legislative body and for her Farmington Hills constituents, working tirelessly for the betterment of all Michiganders. Among the wide range of issues she worked on, she was always in passionate pursuit of policies that spurred job growth in high-demand industries and equipped today's youth with the education necessary to compete in tomorrow's Michigan. Representative Barnett's leadership and effort will be missed; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Honorable Vicki Barnett as she concludes her service to this legislative body; and be it further

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