

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

**House Resolution No. 363.**

A resolution for the Honorable Alma G. Stallworth.

Whereas, It is truly an honor and a privilege to salute Alma G. Stallworth as she brings to a close a long and distinguished career of service within the Michigan House of Representatives. Indeed in the era of term limits, Alma Stallworth's tenure in the House of Representatives is unique in that it has included terms over the course of three decades. She served under the leadership of four governors: William Milliken, James Blanchard, John Engler, and Jennifer Granholm; and five Speakers of the House of Representatives: William Ryan, Gary Owen, Lou Dodak, Curtis Hertel, and Paul Hillegonds; and

Whereas, Alma Stallworth was the first female appointed chair of the House Public Utilities Committee, serving twelve years and forging major changes in state energy and communications policies. This record is more than a reflection of her spirit of public service and dedication, it is a sterling tribute to the respect in which she is held by the people of her district. There could be no finer testimony of her valuable accomplishments; and

Whereas, Alma Stallworth received her master's degree in Education and Health Promotion from Chelsea University in London, England. She is better prepared to serve others, particularly the youth and families within her community. Youth services to neighborhood and civic organizations have derived great benefit from her service. This commitment has been evident in all of her varied roles in the House of Representatives. She is a proven, effective lawmaker; and

Whereas, Alma Stallworth was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1971, interrupting her service after two years to seek a senatorial seat. She returned in 1981, following completion of an elected term as a Wayne County Charter Commissioner, to the House of Representatives. She served seven terms, and came back to serve in the Ninety-second Legislature in 2003. While serving as chair of the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus, she founded, in 1986, the Black Caucus Foundation of Michigan, a non-profit organization that introduced a Minority Intern Program that served African American Legislators, state departments, and the Governor. The Foundation currently reaches 10,000 students within the Metro Detroit area through its sponsorship of prevention programs that focus on the harmful effect of alcohol, tobacco, and drug use; and

Whereas, Alma Stallworth has served many speakers and has worked with many legislators and staff. One thing that remained consistent over the years is that she has earned a reputation of being a conscientious and effective lawmaker. Her legislation has helped to protect children, consumers, the least fortunate, and the elderly. We can be sure that these talents will long continue to help others; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the highest accolade of tribute be extended to honor Alma G. Stallworth as she brings to a close her career in the Michigan House of Representatives; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Alma G. Stallworth as evidence of our best wishes and esteem.