

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

House Resolution No. 353.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Lesia Liss.

Whereas, It is with gratitude for her commitment, perseverance, and friendly outreach as the Legislature addressed many trying and difficult issues that we offer this expression of thanks and respect to Representative Lesia Liss. Her dedicated work and persistence in addressing these issues on behalf of the state and her constituents in the Twenty-eighth House District encompassing Warren and Center Line over the past four years has been greatly appreciated; and

Whereas, Shortly after graduation from high school, Lesia Liss began her health career at the Henry Ford Health System. While working, she attended Henry Ford Community College to earn an associate's degree in science nursing. An avid learner, she continued her studies, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Hispanic Studies from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Representative Liss devoted twenty-four years to practicing nursing with thirteen of those years spent in the fast-paced, demanding environment of the emergency room where lives hang in the balance. She saw the struggles of her patients that went beyond what she could address as a nurse, and she wanted to do more to help those she encountered; and

Whereas, As a legislator, Representative Liss took that huge step to work in an arena where she could extend a helping hand to many more through public policy development and constituent service. Representative Liss used her extensive nursing experience to engage in the development of health policy. She was an active participant in reform discussions and sponsored legislation to allow the collection and redistribution of unused drugs and to make it more difficult for drug dealers and abusers to illegally fill multiple prescriptions. She also took the lead in developing collegial relations among the large incoming class of legislators in the Ninety-fifth Legislature as a co-chair of the Bipartisan Freshman Caucus; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we express our gratitude and deep appreciation to Representative Lesia Liss for her service in this legislative body; and be it further

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