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

House Resolution No. 361.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Maureen Stapleton.

Whereas, The members of this legislative body are proud to offer this expression of our gratitude to Maureen Stapleton for her service to the residents of the Fourth District and the entire state. Representative Stapleton has been a tireless advocate for children and the city of Detroit; and

Whereas, Maureen Stapleton arrived in the House of Representatives after years of work improving municipal services, particularly for the youth of Detroit. A native Detroiter, she graduated from Howard University with a degree in psychology and later received a master's degree in organizational development from Bowling Green University. In the early part of her career, she served as a teacher in the Detroit Public Schools and worked in the city of Detroit's Youth Department. Later, she would serve as the administrator of compliance for Indianapolis before returning to Michigan to work as Wayne County's director of organizational effectiveness and as a private consultant; and

Whereas, Representative Stapleton's past experience has been a great asset to the House of Representatives since her election in 2010. She served on committees dealing with local government, natural resources, and children's issues. Her notable achievements include her efforts to ensure that Michigan's children receive a better education and to improve life in Detroit, particularly through her work to make sure Detroit's city streets are lighted; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we extend our appreciation and thanks to the Honorable Maureen Stapleton for her service to this legislative body and the entire state; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Stapleton as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes for her future endeavors.