

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.356

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

1 A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Alma G.
2 Stallworth, former member of the House of Representatives.

3 Whereas, It is with great sadness that the members of this
4 legislative body learned of the passing of Alma G. Stallworth. She
5 served her constituents in Detroit and Wayne County and the people
6 of our entire state with distinction in a career that covered four
7 decades in the House of Representatives. She leaves behind a
8 remarkable record of service which is a model for everyone who
9 follows her into public life; and

10 Whereas, A native of Little Rock, Arkansas, Alma G. Stallworth
11 ultimately made the Detroit area her home and found numerous ways
12 to serve her community over the years. She attended Highland Park

1 Junior College, the Merrill Palmer Institute, and Wayne State
2 University and was active in religious and social organizations.
3 She also worked as a day care director before she was first elected
4 to the House in 1970; and

5 Whereas, Alma G. Stallworth served ten terms in the House of
6 Representatives during three separate stints over the span of 34
7 years, shaping a generation of leaders and leaving her fingerprints
8 on many important policy debates. During her career, Representative
9 Stallworth was a leading figure in public utilities and
10 communications policy, serving as chair, co-chair, and minority
11 vice chair of the House Public Utilities Committee in the 1980s and
12 1990s. She did important work on foster care and child abuse and
13 championed legislation to protect seniors and consumers during her
14 time in Lansing; and

15 Whereas, Alma G. Stallworth was a driving force for equality
16 and representation during her career. She chaired the Michigan
17 Legislative Black Caucus and was a founder of the Black Caucus
18 Foundation which, among other things, helped improve opportunities
19 for Black staffers in the Legislature and across state government.
20 She was also an advocate for women in government and numerous other
21 important causes over the course of her life; and

22 Whereas, After completing her final term, Alma G. Stallworth
23 accepted an appointment on the Detroit Board of Education,
24 continuing her service to her community. She also modeled public
25 service at home throughout her life, as well as on the House floor.
26 Her two sons, Keith and Thomas, also served in this legislative
27 body and their interest in public service is a testament to her
28 example; and

29 Whereas, Alma G. Stallworth was a dedicated public servant who

1 cared deeply about her constituents, enhancing opportunity for
2 everyone, and making thoughtful public policy. Upon her passing, we
3 offer our condolences to her family and friends. We hope that they
4 may find comfort in the knowledge that the community as a whole
5 shares in their bereavement and that the legacy of Alma G.
6 Stallworth's contributions will long continue to enrich our state;
7 now, therefore, be it

8 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this
9 expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Alma G.
10 Stallworth, a member of this legislative body from 1971 to 1974,
11 1983 to 1996, and 2003 to 2004; and be it further

12 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
13 Stallworth family as evidence of our lasting esteem for her memory.