

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 371

Rep. Wentworth offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Lee Chatfield,
2 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

3 Whereas, It is most appropriate and fitting that the members
4 of this legislative body salute the Honorable Lee Chatfield as he
5 completes his service as a member of the House of Representatives.
6 For six years, he has ensured the people of the One Hundred-Seventh
7 District - bridging the Lower and Upper Peninsulas - have had a
8 strong voice at the Capitol, while also serving as a steady and
9 principled leader for all Michigan residents over the last two
10 years; and

11 Whereas, Born and raised in northern Michigan, Lee Chatfield
12 earned his bachelor's degree in history education from Northland
13 International University and a master's degree in public policy

1 from Liberty University. Prior to his election to the House of
2 Representatives in 2014, he worked as a high school teacher, coach,
3 and athletic director at his alma mater, Northern Michigan
4 Christian Academy; and

5 Whereas, Speaker Chatfield has been a consistent champion for
6 personal and religious freedom, transparency, and limited
7 government throughout his legislative service. As chair of the
8 Local Government, Government Operations, and Michigan
9 Competitiveness committees and as a member of the Education, Health
10 Policy, and Tax Policy committees, he has successfully sponsored
11 bills that eliminated driver responsibility fees and restricted
12 occupational licensing requirements. At the same time, he has
13 worked in many other areas to protect states' and individual rights
14 and the interests of his constituents. During the 2017-2018
15 legislative session, he served as Speaker Pro Tempore and was
16 chosen by his peers to lead this chamber throughout 2019-2020 as
17 Speaker of the House, becoming the youngest Speaker in over a
18 century; and

19 Whereas, As Speaker of the House of Representatives, Lee
20 Chatfield has continued his work to ensure government serves the
21 people and respects their rights. Under his stewardship, this
22 legislative body has successfully made major reforms to car
23 insurance rates, the criminal justice system, and civil asset
24 forfeiture. In unprecedented times, he has successfully fought for
25 the role of the legislative branch as Michigan's lawmaking body and
26 the voice of the people; now, therefore, be it

27 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this
28 expression of tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Lee
29 Chatfield, Speaker of the House of Representatives, for his notable

1 contributions to this legislative body and to our state; and be it
2 further

3 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
4 Speaker Chatfield as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes.