

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.425

Rep. Tate offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Jason Wentworth,
2 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

3 Whereas, It is with great admiration and gratitude that we
4 take the opportunity to deeply thank the Honorable Jason Wentworth
5 for his service as a Representative in this chamber for six years,
6 serving his final term as the Honorable Speaker of the House.

7 Throughout his tenure, Speaker Wentworth has served the members of
8 the Ninety-seventh District, including constituents residing in
9 Clare, Gladwin, Arenac, and Osceola counties, with enthusiasm and
10 integrity. During his term as Speaker, he has proven to be a
11 dedicated servant to the people of Michigan and a strong leader in
12 this chamber; and

13 Whereas, Speaker Wentworth's tenure in office was defined by

1 his deep commitment to serve the people of Michigan, reflected by
2 the life he led before assuming his role as Representative. Speaker
3 Wentworth joined the United States Military in 2001, serving the
4 nation as a military police officer in the Army and completing a
5 tour of duty in South Korea. Speaker Wentworth also holds a
6 bachelor's degree in public safety from St. Petersburg College in
7 Florida, and a master's degree in leadership from Central Michigan
8 University. Following his military service, Speaker Wentworth
9 continued his dedication to public service by utilizing his skills
10 in both public and private sectors of law enforcement in Michigan
11 and also served as the East Central Michigan regional coordinator
12 for the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency. Speaker Wentworth is also
13 the devoted husband to his wife, Heather, and loving father to his
14 three children: Kiley, Makayla, and Alexa; and

15 Whereas, Speaker Wentworth's legislative record in this
16 chamber speaks to the integrity with which he served. Before
17 assuming his role as Speaker, Representative Wentworth served as
18 chair of the Military and Veterans Affairs Committee as well as a
19 member of the committees on Insurance, Workforce and Talent
20 Development, Michigan Competitiveness, and Ways and Means. Speaker
21 Wentworth also served with distinction as alternate chair and chair
22 of the Legislative Council as well as vice chair of the House
23 Fiscal Agency Governing Committee. Speaker Wentworth's
24 participation reflects a career-long dedication to pursuing
25 economic development opportunities for Michiganders across the
26 state. Before assuming his role as Speaker, Representative
27 Wentworth introduced successful legislation related to many such
28 efforts, including broadly revising Michigan's no-fault automobile
29 insurance laws. Speaker Wentworth also served with distinction as

1 the Speaker Pro Tempore from 2019 to 2021 before being selected by
2 his peers to lead this chamber as Speaker of the House in the 2021-
3 2022 legislative session; and

4 Whereas, Since assuming his role as Speaker, the Honorable
5 Representative has continued his work on behalf of the people of
6 Michigan by guiding numerous legislative efforts. These
7 accomplishments include working across party lines to strategically
8 invest hundreds of millions of dollars in the state's SOAR fund
9 which created thousands of jobs across Michigan, introducing
10 successful legislation to reform and impose regulations related to
11 Michigan's pharmaceutical practices and protect consumers, working
12 alongside Michigan's School Safety Task Force to ensure that
13 students statewide may feel safer in their classrooms, and
14 investing significant financial resources into caring for our
15 state's honorable military veterans; now, therefore, be it

16 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this
17 expression of tribute in deep appreciation and commendation for the
18 Honorable Jason Wentworth, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
19 for his distinguished service on behalf of this chamber and the
20 State of Michigan; and be it further

21 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
22 Speaker Wentworth as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes.