

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 414

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

1 A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Richard M.
2 Steenland.

3 Whereas, It is with gratitude that we recognize Representative
4 Richard M. Steenland for his work on behalf of the citizens of
5 Michigan and, in particular, his constituents in the Twenty-second
6 District. Throughout his tenure in the House, his hard work has
7 benefited not only the people of the cities of Roseville and
8 Warren, but all of Michigan's citizens; and

9 Whereas, A lifelong Roseville resident, Representative
10 Steenland chose to stay in the community that he loved while
11 establishing a career and raising a family. From a young age, his
12 parents, a father who was a Roseville Police Officer and President

1 of the Roseville Community Schools' Board of Education, and a
2 mother who was a stay-at-home caretaker, instilled in
3 Representative Steenland a sense of community pride, hard work, and
4 duty for civic engagement. Today he honors his parents' legacy
5 through the funding of a scholarship in their honor. Throughout his
6 life and career, Representative Steenland has always tried to
7 embody these values to create a better community. He graduated from
8 Roseville Brablec High School in 1979, received an associate's
9 degree in general studies from Macomb Community College, and
10 attended Oakland University. Representative Steenland raised three
11 children, Ricky, Anna, and Julia, and is a proud grandfather to
12 Beckham and Beau; and

13 Whereas, Throughout his career, Representative Steenland has
14 continued to serve his community. He has served as a court
15 administrative aide; Friend of the Court Investigator; alternate
16 union steward in UAW Local 889; on the Roseville City Council; and
17 as President of the Macomb County Clerks Association. He is most
18 proud of his time as the Roseville City Clerk, when he administered
19 over thirty elections; oversaw the hiring of over two hundred
20 police and fire employees; trained over two hundred and seventy-
21 five election inspectors; oversaw the licensing of over fourteen-
22 hundred new businesses; and maintained transparency by being one of
23 the first cities in Macomb County to submit election results to the
24 public. He also volunteers with the Warren-Sterling Heights Elks
25 Club, the Roseville Optimist Club, the Roseville Goodfellows, and
26 the Roseclair Eagles; and

27 Whereas, Since his election to the House of Representatives in
28 2020, Representative Steenland's proudest achievements have come
29 from being a strong advocate for all of his constituents, and

1 working in a bi-partisan manner to make Michigan a better place.
2 Representative Steenland served with distinction as a member of the
3 House committees on Insurance; Regulatory Reform; and Military,
4 Veterans and Homeland Security. During his tenure, he worked in a
5 bipartisan manner to provide additional support to police, fire
6 fighters, military members, and veterans. He also worked to make
7 historic investments in education and economic development. His
8 dedication and integrity stand as a clear example of what it takes
9 to be a successful public servant and strong leader; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this
12 expression of tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Richard M.
13 Steenland for his notable contributions to this legislative body
14 and to our state; and be it further

15 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
16 Representative Richard M. Steenland as evidence of our appreciation
17 and best wishes as he leaves this legislative body.