

Testimonial Resolution

DEBBIE STABENOW

United States Senator, State of Michigan

WHEREAS

Debbie Stabenow was born on April 29, 1950, in Gladwin, Michigan, to Anna Merle and Robert Lee Greer. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in 1972 and a Master of Social Work, magna cum laude, in 1975 from Michigan State University; and

WHEREAS

Debbie Stabenow was elected as the third woman to serve on the Ingham County Board of Commissioners and was the first woman and youngest official to serve as chair from 1977 to 1978. She served in the Michigan House of Representatives from 1979 to 1990 and became the first woman in House leadership to preside over the House. In 1991, she was elected to the Michigan Senate. In 1996, she ran for the United States House of Representatives in Michigan's 8th congressional district, was victorious, and reelected in 1998. By 2000, she sought and won a seat as a United States Senator, becoming the first woman elected to this position from Michigan; and

WHEREAS

Debbie Stabenow has been a steadfast champion for the needs of Michigan residents for decades. She has been a guardian for the Great Lakes, an advocate for natural resources, and prioritizes healthy living. During her tenure, she has positioned Michigan as a global leader in the clean-energy economy and leads the nation's food and farming policies as the Chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Her efforts in children's health have brought positive changes to child nutrition, school-based health clinics, and children's healthcare. She played a pivotal role in writing the Affordable Health Care Act, introducing reforms to reduce the cost of prescription medication, and authored the Mental Health and Addiction Treatment Act. Additionally, she introduced the Gun Lake Trust Land Reaffirmation Act in 2014 and led the passage of a law that provided \$170 million for communities during the water crisis in Flint, Michigan to replace and repair pipes, provide nutritious meals, and healthcare; and

WHEREAS

Debbie Stabenow has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to her constituents by serving on several critical committees, including the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Committee on the Budget; Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; and Committee on Finance, leading in various subcommittees such as Subcommittee on Energy, Subcommittee on National Parks, Subcommittee on Water and Power, among others; and

WHEREAS

Debbie Stabenow has dedicated over fifty years to improving the quality of life for the residents of Michigan. Thank you for being a champion for the well-being of Michiganders; THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED

That the Office of Councilman Scott Benson and the Detroit City Council hereby recognize Debbie Stabenow for her tireless contributions to our community as a public servant for fifty years. May God continue to bless your endeavors outside of politics.

Handwritten signatures of Council members: Mary Sheffield (Council President), Scott Benson (Council Member), Catherine Johnson (Council Member), and others. Includes printed labels like 'COUNCIL PRESIDENT' and 'COUNCIL MEMBER'.

May 18, 2024

DATE

