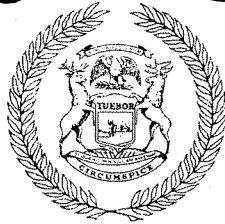


STATE OF MICHIGAN



SPECIAL TRIBUTE

In Observance of May 3, 2006

As

Legal Assistant/Paralegal Day

Whereas, the Legal Assistant/Paralegal profession has made vast contributions to legal services both in Michigan and throughout the nation; and

Whereas, the State Bar of Michigan Legal Assistants Section was founded in 1990 and provides a professional affiliation for practicing legal assistants/paralegals throughout the State of Michigan; and

Whereas, the terms paralegal and legal assistant are used interchangeably, just as the terms lawyer and attorney are interchangeable, and are defined as person qualified through education, training or work experience to perform substantive legal work that requires knowledge of legal concepts and is customarily, but not exclusively, performed by a lawyer; and

Whereas, paralegals have taken responsibility for a large portion of the substantive work previously performed by attorneys; and

Whereas, the Bench and Bar have been able to respond to the dramatic increase in court caseload in recent years as a result of the evolution of the paralegal profession; and

Whereas, the citizens of our Great Lakes State are better able to afford quality legal services as a result of the evolution of the legal profession;

Resolved, That we, Rick Baxter, State Representative; Leslie Mortimer, State Representative; Beverly S. Hammerstrom, State Senator; and Mark Schauer, State Senator, do hereby proclaim May 3, 2006 as Legal Assistant/Paralegal Day in Michigan.

Rick Baxter, State Representative
The Sixty-Fourth District

Leslie Mortimer, State Representative
The Sixty-Fifth District

Beverly S. Hammerstrom, State Senator
The Seventeenth District

Mark Schauer, State Senator
The Nineteenth District

The Ninety-Third Legislature
At Lansing
Wednesday, May 03, 2006

