

Rep. Miller offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 363.**

A resolution to encourage the Governor to appoint Lois J. Cross-Hart of the village of Cassopolis as Poet Laureate of the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Poetry is an important art form with a rich historical tradition. Composed with great creativity, poetry is expressive writing that evokes emotion and communicates meaning. Simply put, poetry is writing that moves us in many ways; and

Whereas, The appointment of a poet laureate will encourage a greater appreciation for the reading and writing of poetry by the people of Michigan and can help with our state's child literacy problem. Appointing a poet laureate is also an opportunity to honor a poet who has made significant cultural contributions to our state; and

Whereas, Lois J. Cross-Hart is a talented and prolific poet and a lifelong resident of Michigan. She was designated as the Cass County Poet Laureate in March 2012 by the Cass County Board of Commissioners. She has written thousands of poems, and her work has a broad appeal reflective of her Michigan roots and diverse background. She is well suited to be recognized as our state's official poet; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we encourage the Governor to appoint Lois J. Cross-Hart of the village of Cassopolis as Poet Laureate of the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Lois J. Cross-Hart.