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10:00 a.m.

Pursuant to rule 1.101, in the absence of the Presiding Officers, the Senate was called to order by the Secretary of the Senate.

The Secretary of the Senate made the following statement:

Though there is a lack of a quorum this morning, I'd like to take a minute on the record to invite Todd Parker and Laurie and the rest of the General Services Unit to come up to the rostrum. This is Todd's last day with us in session. Todd is one of the behind-the-scenes operators of the voting board and the microphones for the Senators. Todd also, when we are not in session, works on the postal operations for the Michigan Senate. Laurie Rospond is Todd's manager and we have the entire unit up here this morning.

We want to say good-bye to Todd. We want to thank Todd. Todd came to us from Michigan State University as a graduate in forestry, which is an unusual major to be working in this environment. Todd is leaving us to go continue his education in Vermont at the Vermont Law School to get his environmental master's degree.

So I wanted to take a moment to thank Todd very much for his work with the Senate and to present to Todd a tribute signed by Senator Sikkema, the Senate Majority Leader, and to wish Todd all the best.

"LET IT BE KNOWN, That it is a pleasure to have this opportunity to extend the highest praise to Todd K. Parker in acknowledgment of the excellent job he has done during the past 5 years while working with the Secretary of the Senate's office and the Michigan Senate.

Todd graduated from Michigan State University in Forestry and spent time testing his skills in the private sector before starting in the General Services Unit of the Secretary of the Senate's Office. Proving himself adept at handling all postal functions of the Senate he continued on as the Technician for the Chamber Automation System.

Todd's tireless and thorough approach to each and every undertaking at work will sorely be missed by those who came to rely on his competence. We sincerely hope the days ahead will be filled with pleasurable pursuits as he returns to his forestry ties at Vermont Law School where he will get his master's degree in Environmental Law.

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, Therefore, This document is signed and dedicated to honor Todd K. Parker in appreciation of his long and dedicated service to the members of the Michigan Senate. May he know of our gratitude and best wishes."

In the absence of all Senators, pursuant to Joint Rule 15, the Secretary of the Senate adjourned the Senate, the time being 10:02 a.m.

Scheduled Meetings

Appropriations - Wednesday, August 10, 1:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2523)

Michigan Capitol Committee - Thursday, September 15, 12:30 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-0289)

Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs - Friday, August 5, 3:00 p.m., Saginaw Valley State University, ES122 Regional Education Center, 7400 Bay Road, University Center (373-3447)

Technology and Energy - Wednesdays, August 10 and August 17, 3:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-7350)

In pursuance of the order previously made, the Secretary of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, August 10, 2005, at 10:00 a.m.

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Secretary of the Senate