

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 184

Senators Shirkey and Ananich offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Wayne Schmidt.

2 Whereas, It is a great honor to recognize Senator Wayne
3 Schmidt as his time in the Michigan Legislature comes to a close.
4 Senator Schmidt has proven to be a dedicated and passionate leader
5 for his constituents in the Thirty-seventh District which includes
6 both the Upper and Lower Peninsula counties of Antrim, Charlevoix,
7 Cheboygan, Chippewa, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Luce, and Mackinac, as
8 well as all of Michigan's citizens; and

9 Whereas, Senator Schmidt is a lifelong resident of Traverse
10 City where he currently resides with his wife, Kathleen, and their
11 two sons, Ryan and Danny. He graduated from Traverse City Central
12 High School and studied economics and public policy at the
13 University of Chicago. Senator Schmidt is also a graduate of the

1 Michigan Political Leadership Program at Michigan State University.
2 Senator Schmidt has had an impressive career as a public servant.
3 Prior to this service in the Michigan Legislature, he was elected
4 five times to the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners and
5 served terms as vice chair and chair. He served on many boards
6 including the Grand Traverse County Economic Development
7 Corporation, the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, the Bay Area
8 Transit Authority, the National Cherry Festival, and the Great
9 Lakes Community Mental Health Authority. His vast knowledge and
10 experience led him to serve in the Michigan House of
11 Representatives from 2009 to 2014; and

12 Whereas, Senator Schmidt was elected to the Michigan Senate in
13 2014. He earned the respect of his colleagues when they elected him
14 to serve as Assistant Majority Leader. During his tenure, he served
15 on the Legislative Council, as chair of the Appropriations'
16 subcommittees on K-12 and Michigan Department of Education and
17 Transportation, and as vice chair on the Appropriations'
18 subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity/MEDC. Senator
19 Schmidt also served as chair on the Commerce Committee and as vice
20 chair on the Economic Development and International Investment
21 Committee. He served dutifully as a member of the committees on
22 Agriculture, Insurance, Outdoor Recreation and Tourism, Natural
23 Resources, Economic and Small Business Development, Energy and
24 Technology, and the Appropriations' subcommittees on Capital Outlay
25 and Community Health/Human Services. Senator Schmidt had a prolific
26 career in the Senate, as evidenced by his successful sponsorship of
27 legislation to improve affordable housing, redevelop brownfield
28 sites, promote responsible government spending, and protect the
29 rights of all Michiganders. He also was an avid supporter of

1 outdoor recreation, tourism, and the railroad industry; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of
4 tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Wayne Schmidt for his
5 notable contributions to this legislative body and to our state;
6 and be it further

7 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
8 Senator Schmidt as a token of our gratitude and well wishes.