

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 334.

A resolution for the Honorable Lauren Hager.

Whereas, It is with great admiration for his commitment to the people of the Eighty-first District, as well as to the people of Michigan, that we honor Representative Lauren Hager as he ends his distinguished service in the Michigan House of Representatives; and

Whereas, Lauren Hager is a proud graduate of Michigan State University where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees. He also earned certification in the teaching of the learning disabled from Marygrove College in Detroit. Before being elected to the Legislature in 1998, Lauren Hager had worked as a special education teacher for 35 years and co-owned the McLeod-Hager Sports Memorabilia in Port Huron. He also served on the Port Huron City Council from 1993 to 1998 and was mayor pro-tem in 1997; and

Whereas, During the Ninety-second Legislature, Representative Hager, as Chair of the House Committee on Family and Children Services, was a passionate and forceful advocate for abused and neglected children. He fought valiantly to reform the Office of Children's Ombudsman by granting it greater independence to investigate the Family Independence Agency; giving the Legislature greater oversight of the state's child protective service system; and revising adoption laws; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our gratitude to the Honorable Lauren Hager as he brings to a close his tenure in this legislative body; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Hager as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes.