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

House Resolution No. 335.

A resolution for the Honorable Jim Howell.

Whereas, It is with great admiration for his commitment to the people of the Ninety-Fourth District, as well as the entire state, that we honor Representative Jim Howell as he ends his tenure of service as a distinguished member of this legislative body. His thoughtfulness, personal integrity, and deep sense of respect for the legislative process have been greatly appreciated by the members and staff of this legislative body; and

Whereas, Jim Howell's educational credentials include an associate degree from Delta College and a bachelor's degree with honors from Saginaw Valley State University. He also earned a Juris Doctorate degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School. His career pursuits includes nearly ten years in law enforcement with the Saginaw County Sheriff's Department and Saginaw Police Department, fifteen years in private practice as an attorney, and two years as a corporate attorney for Dow Chemical Company; and

Whereas, Representative Jim Howell's legal background served this legislative body in numerous ways, particularly in his capacity as chair of the House Judiciary Committee. He also served as a member of the Commerce, Criminal Justice, and Government Operations Committees. His commitment to addressing the many complex issues he faced has been of great value to this state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our gratitude to the Honorable Jim Howell for his dedication to the people of Michigan; and be it further

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