

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

House Resolution No. 341.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Stephen R. Ehardt.

Whereas, It is with great appreciation for his service to the people of Michigan in the House of Representatives that we join together in commending Stephen Ehardt. His business, community, and local government experience served him well during his tenure, greatly benefiting Michigan. The members of this legislative body extend our thanks to a thoughtful legislator who brought unique insights to the legislative process; and

Whereas, Stephen Ehardt earned a degree in pharmacy and a certificate in pharmacy from Ferris State University. His business expertise as the president and CEO of Ehardt's Pharmacy was recognized by his colleagues, who supported him in his leadership roles in business and pharmacy associations. Indeed, he was recognized with the Distinguished Achievement Award in Community Pharmacy, and he passed his knowledge on to students at both the University of Michigan-Flint and Wayne State University. Mr. Ehardt also earned a wealth of experience in local government by serving for a decade on the Lexington village board of trustees and by serving four years on the planning commission; and

Whereas, In the 1998 election, the citizens of his district sent Stephen Ehardt to Lansing, where he has served with distinction. As his background suggests, Representative Ehardt contributed greatly to legislation to improve the health care system in Michigan. As the Chair of the Health Policy Committee, he was a key leader in legislation to help individuals with disabilities gain employment by preserving health care coverage. He has also assisted seniors in affording prescription drugs during his House tenure. His efforts to promote health care issues brought him further honors when a health advocacy organization named him a Legislator of the Year. Truly, Representative Ehardt has been tireless in his work to improve the health and well-being of Michiganians; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we honor Representative Stephen R. Ehardt as he concludes his service with the Michigan House of Representatives; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Ehardt as evidence of our esteem.