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

House Resolution No. 497.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable John R. Pastor.

Whereas, It is with respect for his hard work and dedication that we express our gratitude to our colleague John Pastor for his efforts as a lawmaker working on behalf of the people of his Livonia community and our entire state. The energy and insight he has brought to his responsibilities have contributed a valuable perspective to the legislative process; and

Whereas, John Pastor, who studied at Ferris State University, has distinguished himself in business and civic affairs in his hometown in many ways. Through his family's general contracting business, he has faced the challenges of our economy and job creation. These experiences also include his years of service in local government in Livonia as a member of the City Council, Traffic Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Planning Commission, as well as his involvement in community life through the Jaycees, Knights of Columbus, and Children's Miracle Network; and

Whereas, Following his election in 2002, Representative Pastor became a strong voice for economic development, more efficient permitting procedures, and sound fiscal policies. His committee work has included his service in the Ninety-third Legislature through the Appropriations Committee as the vice chair and chair of the Department of Environmental Quality Subcommittee, as well as his contributions in the Ninety-fourth Legislature on the Military and Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security, the New Economy and Quality of Life, and Tax Policy Committees; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we commend and thank Representative John R. Pastor for his service to this legislative body and the people of our state over the past 6 years; and be it further

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