

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

House Resolution No. 504.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable John Stakoe.

Whereas, The members of this legislative body are proud to commend and thank our colleague, Representative John Stakoe, as he brings to a close his distinguished service to the Michigan House of Representatives. His diligent efforts and high standards have benefited not only the Forty-fourth District, but our entire state; and

Whereas, A native of Dearborn, John Stakoe earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Eastern Michigan University and graduated from the Northwestern University School of Staff and Command before serving as a Milford police officer for 19 years. His wealth of experience in public service also includes tenure as Highland Township Supervisor, where he founded the Highland Township Downtown Development Authority. His public-mindedness and dedication to civic responsibility have been further demonstrated by his involvement with SEMCOG, the Huron Valley Optimist Club, the Huron Shiawassee Headwaters Project, the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority Police Department Oversight Committee, and the Western Oakland County Corridor Study Steering Committee; and

Whereas, Representative Stakoe's knowledge and experience in local government and law enforcement have been an invaluable resource in the legislature. He served with distinction as chair of the Local Government and Urban Policy Committee during the Ninety-third Legislature, as well as on the Commerce, Tax Policy, Criminal Justice, and Judiciary Committees. He was a most effective contributor to policy discourse as a member of the Higher Education, Tourism, Outdoor Recreation, and Natural Resources and Michigan Capitol Committees as well; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this tribute to commend and thank the Honorable John Stakoe for his notable contributions to this legislative body; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Stakoe as evidence of our gratitude for his dedication to public service.