

Reps. Dillon, Ball, Barnett, Lisa Brown, Terry Brown, Byrnes, Constan, Ebli, Griffin, Kennedy, LeBlanc, Liss, Mayes, Neumann, Polidori, Rogers, Segal, Slavens, Smith and Warren offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 302.**

A resolution to recognize the retirement of Ron Gettelfinger, chassis line repairman and President of the International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America.

Whereas, Since becoming a member of Local 862 in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1964, Ron Gettelfinger has staunchly represented the interests of hard working union members everywhere. A member of and a heroic advocate for the American working class, Ron Gettelfinger truly understands the value of commitment, perseverance, and knowledge. First elected as president of the UAW in 2002, he has now made the difficult decision to retire and bring to a close more than 45 years of standing up for honored laborers. It is without any doubt this retirement will be in name only; for the endemic devotion to fight for causes which are just is replete within Ron Gettelfinger and surely he will stand up for the rights of workers for another 45 years; and .

Whereas, While our country struggled through an unprecedented economic trial, known to many as the "Great Recession," millions of workers became jobless, and thousands of businesses were forced to close their doors permanently. Yet, while the automotive industry and its suppliers bore the brunt of this recession, experience leaders such as Ron Gettelfinger were quick to take action to protect this vital part of our economy. A debt of gratitude is owed by every employed person in our state, for if not for the independent, intelligent, and difficult choices made by Ron Gettelfinger, the continuation of our domestic car companies would surely be in doubt today; and

Whereas, While presidents and CEO's were replaced in businesses throughout all sectors of the economy in recent years, Ron Gettelfinger has remained to become a resource whom executives and union workers alike have come to rely on. In an unparalleled feat throughout the last 75 years of the UAW and the car industry, Ron Gettelfinger expertly brought together union members, executive management, investors, citizens, and all interested parties in an effort to save our domestic auto companies and the jobs they provide. We are all better off today as a direct result of his endeavors; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body recognize the retirement of Ron Gettelfinger. We honor the unmatched accomplishments and contributions of this chassis line repairman and president of the International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America.