

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

House Resolution No. 348.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Doug Bennett.

Whereas, It is indeed a great pleasure to pay tribute to the Honorable Doug Bennett for his outstanding service as a legislator for the people of the state of Michigan. As he concludes his third and final term in the House, let us commend our good friend for his many significant contributions to the spirit and effectiveness of the lawmaking process; and

Whereas, Prior to be elected to the House of Representatives, Doug Bennett served on the Muskegon County Commission. He was first appointed in October 1999, and later was elected to represent the Seventh Commission District in 2000 and 2002. During his three terms, he chaired the Muskegon County Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee; and

Whereas, Representative Bennett's interest in the well-being of working men and women was shown in many venues both within the Legislature and beyond these legislative chambers. Representative Bennett expressed on numerous occasions the importance of legislators standing by their principles in considering legislation to earn the title of "conscience of the caucus." He worked to secure the economic future and a life of dignity for workers and other Michigan residents. Before coming to the Legislature, Doug Bennett held numerous union leadership positions, and while doing so he oversaw the merger of two local unions; and

Whereas, In 2004, Doug Bennett was elected to represent the people of Muskegon County in the Michigan House of Representatives, and he served with distinction as a member of the House Appropriations Committee for two of his terms, and during this time he was vice chair of the Natural Resources and Environment Subcommittee, vice-chair of the Corrections Subcommittee, and chair of the Environmental Quality Subcommittee. Representative Bennett also served on the Commerce Committee; Natural Resources Committee; Great Lakes, Land Use, and Environment Committee; and the Tax Policy Committee; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That this tribute be accorded the Honorable Doug Bennett with gratitude for his conscientious efforts on behalf of the people of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to our colleague, Representative Doug Bennett, as evidence of our esteem and our best wishes for the future.