

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

House Resolution No. 349.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Darwin Booher.

Whereas, It is with deep appreciation that we thank Representative Booher for his service to the state as he completes his tenure in this legislative body. He served his constituents from Mecosta, Osceola, and Wexford Counties with dedication and commitment throughout his tenure; and

Whereas, His background as a graduate of the University of Wisconsin School of Banking prepared Darwin Booher well for his professional career and many public service endeavors. As a banker, farmer, and small business owner, Darwin Booher has met many of the challenges facing our state through his work to maintain a successful business. He brought this vast experience and his invaluable perspective to his local public service as a township supervisor, assessor, and member of economic development commissions. Darwin Booher also lent his experience, knowledge, and community standing to service on a local hospital's board of trustees; and

Whereas, Representative Booher incorporated his vast knowledge of finances, business, and local government into his service in the legislature. He has been a fixture on the House Appropriations Committee and has contributed notably to subcommittees with a special focus on community colleges, natural resource and environment programs, human services, and government operations and oversight. Representative Booher's talents have been deeply appreciated at a time when the legislature had to wrestle with shrinking state revenues and the financial distress faced by the state's businesses and citizens. He has been consistent in his calls for the state to control spending, for the legislature to oversee the expenditure of those limited state funds, and to evaluate program performance; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we express our deep appreciation and thanks to Representative Booher for his service in this legislative body; and be it further

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