

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

House Resolution No. 359.

A resolution of tribute to the Honorable Kevin Elsenheimer.

Whereas, It is with gratitude for his commitment and diligence in addressing the many challenges faced by the state over the past six years that we offer this expression of thanks and respect to Representative Elsenheimer. His dedicated work and persistence in addressing these many challenges on behalf of the state and his constituents in Charlevoix, Cheboygan, and Otsego Counties over the past six years has been greatly appreciated; and

Whereas, As a native of Northern Michigan, Kevin Elsenheimer returned home after pursuing his undergraduate education at Michigan State University and earning a law degree from Wayne State University. He started his public service attending to matters of civil law as a municipal attorney and then criminal law as an assistant county prosecutor. Experience he gained as a public servant and in service on the Bellaire School Board, Rotary, and Boy Scouts prepared him well for service in the legislative; and

Whereas, As a legislator, Representative Elsenheimer has been active in proposing legislative solutions to pressing public policy issues and as a leader of his caucus. He began his service in 2005 chairing legislative committees addressing early childhood education and tort reform, as well as serving on committees concerned with the conduct of elections, business of local government, the judiciary, and natural resources. He has been active in devising the state's energy policies at a time when these issues have been especially important. Representative Elsenheimer always maintained a keen focus on Northern Michigan's needs, throwing his support behind new electric power plants, a new lock at Sault Ste. Marie, fighting campground closures, and numerous other matters. His local experience also caused him to propose solutions to address the unseen problems of abuse of prescription drugs and the use of lawsuits to intimidate local officials in small units of government. Representative Elsenheimer's colleagues elevated him to numerous leadership posts serving as Speaker Pro Tempore in his first term, Assistant Republican Leader in his second term, and as the Republican Leader in his final term; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we express our gratitude and deep appreciation to Representative Kevin Elsenheimer for his service as he concludes his tenure in this legislative body; and be it further

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