

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

House Resolution No. 360.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable John Espinoza.

Whereas, It is indeed a great pleasure to pay tribute to the Honorable John Espinoza 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 the effectiveness of the lawmaking process; and

Whereas, In 2004, John Espinoza was first elected to represent the people of Sanilac and St. Clair Counties. As a hardworking member of the House Appropriations Committee during the past four years, he has held leadership roles as chair of the Agriculture Subcommittee as well as vice chair of several other subcommittees. During his first two years in the House, Representative Espinoza served on the Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security Committee and the Conservation, Forestry, and Outdoor Recreation Committee; and

Whereas, In addition to his committed service to the state, Representative Espinoza has served his nation and community with honor. A 20-year member of the United States Army with tours of duty in Vietnam and the Persian Gulf War, John Espinoza pursued educational degrees at Central Texas College and the State University of New York. Later, he earned a teaching certificate at Saginaw Valley State University and taught in the Carsonville-Port Sanilac School District. He assisted his community as a member of the Croswell Police Department, the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department, the Croswell City Council, and the Sanilac County Board of Commissioners; now therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That this tribute be accorded the Honorable John Espinoza, 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 Representative John Espinoza as evidence of our esteem and our wishes to him for the future.