

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

House Resolution No. 371.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Dave Hildenbrand.

Whereas, It is with great appreciation for his efforts on behalf of this legislative body over the past six years that we wish to commend Representative Dave Hildenbrand as he leaves the House to assume new responsibilities in the Senate. It is most appropriate to express our gratitude for his contributions to the legislative process and for his efforts on behalf of the people of the state of Michigan; and

Whereas, A graduate of Michigan State University, Dave Hildenbrand has had a number of positions in state government through which he has demonstrated his skills and his commitment to public service. Before being elected to the House of Representatives in 2004, he served as chief of staff for Senator Bill Hardiman, chief of staff for Lieutenant Governor Dick Posthumus, district representative for Senator Dick Posthumus, and agriculture policy advisor for Governor John Engler. He has also been very active in his community by being engaged in Habitat for Humanity, Right to Life of Michigan, and the Kent County Farm Bureau; and

Whereas, Representative Hildenbrand's thoroughness has been exhibited in the manner he has engaged in his committee work. He has served with distinction on the Commerce, the Education, the Insurance, the New Economy and Quality of Life, and the Conservation, Forestry, and Outdoor Recreation Committees. Most recently, Representative Hildenbrand has served on the Appropriations Committee. Representative Hildenbrand has sponsored legislation in a wide range of areas, with bills being passed dealing with issues such as concealed weapons, brownfield development, mobile homes, local government, and state parks. He has also been recognized by his peers in being chosen assistant floor leader and later as the caucus floor leader. His sense of cooperation and shared concern in facing the state's challenges has assisted other lawmakers as well; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That tribute be accorded the Honorable Dave Hildenbrand as he completes his service in this legislative body and begins his new responsibilities with the Senate; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Hildenbrand as evidence of our respect and gratitude.