

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

House Resolution No. 376.

A resolution of tribute to the Honorable Michael Lahti.

Whereas, It is with appreciation that we thank Representative Lahti for his service to the state in this legislative body. He has been tireless and dedicated in his work on behalf of his constituents in Baraga, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, and Ontonagon Counties; and

Whereas, A native son of the Upper Peninsula, Michael Lahti graduated from Hancock High school and Northern Michigan University. He worked for years on economic development in the region as a real estate developer and insurance agent. Michael Lahti also served his community as a member of the Hancock School Board, and chair of the County Board of Commissioners, and he continues to serve on the Finlandia University Board of Trustees; and

Whereas, As a legislator, Representative Lahti worked to preserve the state's conservation and recreation heritage as chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural Resources and Environment. He steadfastly defended resources for conservation and recreation, particularly in his beloved Upper Peninsula during one of the most difficult fiscal downturns Michigan has faced. Representative Lahti looked for ways to use shrinking resources efficiently as exemplified in his work on managing pharmacy benefits for public employees in his service on the Public Employee Health Reform Committee; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we commend and thank Representative Michael Lahti for his service in this legislative body; and be it further

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