

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

House Resolution No. 377.

A resolution of tribute to the Honorable Gabe Leland.

Whereas, It is most appropriate that we honor and thank the Honorable Gabe Leland as his tenure with the Michigan House of Representatives comes to a close. It is indeed a pleasure and an honor to salute Representative Leland for all he has done on behalf of the people of the Great Lake State, and, in particular, the citizens of Detroit and the Tenth Representative District; and

Whereas, Gabe Leland was elected to the first of his three terms in 2004. Since that time he has compiled an outstanding record of service in the House. This was exemplified by his chairmanship of the House Committee on Urban Policy, where he tackled many complex and long-standing urban problems, such as urban transit, safe routes to school, urban agriculture, and food deserts. He has also served with distinction on related committees, including the House Committees on Great Lakes and Environment, New Economy and Quality of Life, and Transportation. Clearly, his record in the House stands as a testament to his effectiveness, and to his character and leadership. He is to be commended; and

Whereas, A native of Detroit, Representative Gabe Leland had the distinction of following on his father's path of public service as a community activist and as a member of this august body. He has earned a reputation for thoroughness and commitment, and, moreover, his integrity and concern for the well-being of others set a standard for us all. We wish him the best as he ends his tenure of service in the House of Representatives; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we hereby extend this expression of gratitude to the Honorable Gabe Leland for his service on behalf of this legislative body and the people of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Leland as a token of our esteem and best wishes.