

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

**House Resolution No. 381.**

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Gary McDowell.

Whereas, It is with gratitude that we thank Representative McDowell for his service to the state as he concludes his tenure in this legislative body. His dedicated work on behalf of his constituents in Cheboygan, Chippewa, Emmet, and Mackinac Counties over the past six years has been greatly appreciated; and

Whereas, As a resident of Rudyard, Gary McDowell has logged many miles in service to the area as a UPS delivery driver and in service on numerous public bodies. He was a long-time member of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, serving as chair for four years. Gary McDowell also gave his time to serve on Chippewa County boards for economic development, the War Memorial Hospital, emergency services and preparedness, and recycling. He was a volunteer fire fighter for many years and gave generously of his time as a member of local service organizations; and

Whereas, As a legislator, Representative McDowell worked to chart the state's course through an especially challenging and prolonged fiscal downturn. He chaired the House Appropriations Subcommittee responsible for the Department of Community Health budget for four years, taking responsibility for one of the state's largest and most complex budgets. Representative McDowell worked with colleagues in the House and members of the Senate to fund programs and services relied on by Michigan residents and remain fiscally responsible in years of shrinking budgets; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we extend our gratitude and thanks to Representative Gary McDowell as he concludes his tenure in this legislative body; and be it further

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