

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

House Resolution No. 397.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Joel Sheltroun.

Whereas, We extend our thanks and gratitude to Representative Sheltroun for his dedicated service to the state and the constituents of the Iosco, Missaukee, Ogemaw, and Roscommon region during his tenure in this legislative body. He has served this state and his constituents with distinction and a steadfast commitment to the principles of legislative government; and

Whereas, As a lifelong resident of West Branch, Joel Sheltroun attended Kirtland Community College and Western Michigan University before serving in the United States Navy. During his naval service in Vietnam, he earned and was entrusted with top secret clearance as a communications technician. After his honorable discharge from the Navy, Joel returned to his hometown and continued to serve his community through his church, numerous sportsmen's and conservation organizations, local chambers of commerce, and as an Ogemaw Township Trustee. As a professional musician, he also shared his unique talents on many occasions in Lansing; and

Whereas, Representative Sheltroun has been very active working on natural resource, conservation, recreation, and education issues during his tenure in this legislative body. He has been a strong and unwavering voice for sportsmen's interests and access for recreation enthusiasts. Representative Sheltroun took on many tough issues as chair of the Tourism, Outdoor, Recreation, and Natural Resources Committee, including deer baiting, horse rider trail access, and lake access at road ends. Restoring flexibility to secondary curriculum requirements and expanding access to advanced degrees through community colleges have also been championed by Representative Sheltroun; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we extend our thanks and gratitude to Representative Joel Sheltroun for his dedication and commitment to service as he concludes his service in this legislative body; and be it further

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