

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

**House Resolution No. 356.**

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Larry DeShazor.

Whereas, It is with great appreciation that we honor Representative Larry DeShazor as he completes his term in the House of Representatives. Representative DeShazor has been a tireless advocate for the state of Michigan and for reforms to make government work better at all levels; and

Whereas, A native of New York with a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of New Orleans, Larry DeShazor moved with his family to southeast Michigan in 1990. Later settling in Portage, he quickly became an active member of the community, giving his time to local business and economic development groups and serving six years on the Portage City Council. He worked for 17 years with State Farm Insurance prior to his election to the House of Representatives in 2008; and

Whereas, Representative DeShazor has distinguished himself during his time in the House of Representatives as a strong advocate for reforming the state budget process and lowering taxes on Michigan residents and businesses. He has exemplified his leadership skills as the vice-chair for the House Republican Caucus. Drawing on his business, management, and insurance background, he has served admirably on the Commerce, Education, Transportation, and Senior Health, Security and Retirement Committees. He has successfully sponsored legislation to ensure the safety of all young children riding in cars. Moreover, he was responsible for ushering legislation that enables the state to receive compensation for training services provided to security personnel at private colleges and universities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of thanks to Representative DeShazor for his dedicated service to the residents of Kalamazoo County and the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative DeShazor and his family as evidence of our gratitude for his efforts on behalf of his district and our entire state.