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

House Resolution No. 373.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Bert Johnson.

Whereas, It is an honor and a privilege to extend our gratitude to Representative Bert Johnson as he brings to a close his tenure of service as a member of the Michigan House of Representatives. Over the course of the past four years, Bert Johnson has developed a reputation as a hardworking and conscientious lawmaker. His efforts on behalf of the constituents of the Fifth Representative District, and for the people of the entire state of Michigan, testify to his strength of character and leadership. He is to be commended; and

Whereas, Bert Johnson was elected to this legislative body in 2006. His talents and legislative experience paid great dividends as he hit the ground running on taking office in 2007. He served with distinction on a host of committees, including, most recently, serving as the chair of the House Committee on Regulatory Reform, Banking and Financial Services. He has also served on the House Committee on Energy and Technology and the Health Policy Committee. His election to chair the Detroit Caucus stands as a testament to the esteem in which he is held by his peers; and

Whereas, As a highly productive lawmaker, Bert Johnson has sponsored a host of bills, including a number of bills that have had a significant impact on his native Detroit, such as the legislation that became part of the Cobo Hall package, promoted urban transit, and provided a number of consumer protections, including home foreclosure protection and winter utility shutoff protection. His efforts clearly embodied the finest qualities of public service; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we hereby offer this expression of tribute to commend and thank Representative Bert Johnson for his notable contributions to this legislative body and the people of Michigan; and be it further

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