

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

House Resolution No. 398.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Jim Slezak.

Whereas, The members of this legislative body are pleased to join together in commending the Honorable Jim Slezak as he concludes his term of office in the Michigan House of Representatives. Sound lawmaking and oversight of the executive branch rely on citizen-legislators such as Representative Slezak who bring their experiences and views to guide and craft the laws that shape our lives; and

Whereas, A native of Muskegon and a graduate of Yale University with a degree in political science, Jim Slezak was steeped in the world of commerce and how government impacts this lifeblood of our economy through his family's business in their community. He worked as a photographer and as the vice president, gaining practical knowledge of how a business can succeed; and

Whereas, Representative Slezak came to Lansing in 2009, after winning election in 2008, during a period of great financial challenges to the state. Whether it was in the area of natural resources, where he was vice chair of the Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources Committee, or on the Government Operations, Labor, and Tax Policy Committees, Representative Slezak's experience in the business world was of great value to his colleagues in carrying out the duties of the Michigan Legislature. We remain grateful for his commitment to working for the people of the Fiftieth House District and the entire state of Michigan during the Ninety-fifth Legislature; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we honor Representative Jim Slezak as he concludes his service with the Michigan House of Representatives; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Slezak as evidence of our respect and thanks.