

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

**House Resolution No. 400.**

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Dudley Spade.

Whereas, It with great appreciation that we thank and honor Representative Dudley Spade as he completes his service with the House of Representatives. Representative Spade's business skills and past experience with Michigan's children and families will be missed by this legislative body; and

Whereas, Dudley Spade came to this legislative body after a more than 25-year career working with troubled youth. Upon graduation from Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in business and accounting, he would spend the next two and one-half decades as the Controller for Boysville of Michigan and as the Director of Information Systems and Technology for Starr Commonwealth. His skills and experience would be an invaluable resource in his subsequent years in the Legislature; and

Whereas, Elected to the House of Representatives in 2004, Representative Spade brought his financial acumen to bear on the state's budget as a member of the Appropriations Committee. As chair of the Human Services and Procurement Reform Subcommittees and a member of the Natural Resources and Environment Subcommittee and School Aid Subcommittee, Representative Spade applied his accounting expertise to balancing some of Michigan's toughest budgets. In addition, throughout his six years, he always remained a staunch advocate for Michigan's children and families; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we thank and honor Representative Dudley Spade upon his retirement from the House of Representatives for his six years of service to our state and the people of his district; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Spade and his family as recognition of our gratitude and our best wishes for the future.