

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

**House Resolution No. 404.**

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable George Cushingberry, Jr.

Whereas, It is an honor and a distinct privilege to extend this expression of tribute to Representative George Cushingberry, Jr., as he brings to a close his tenure with the Michigan House of Representatives. As has been duly noted in the past, George Cushingberry has earned the respect of all who have witnessed his good work for our human family. He is to be commended; and

Whereas, Service, it is said, is the rent we pay for our space on earth. George Cushingberry, Jr., has more than paid his worldly dues. He has served in this august body in two different eras, served on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners for 16 years, and has been extremely active in his church and in community affairs. He has also raised a family and built a respected law practice. George Cushingberry earned the distinction of being the youngest person to be elected to the House when he was first elected to this body in 1974. He served from 1975 to 1982, and returned to the House of Representatives in 2005. He was subsequently reelected in 2006 and 2008. In an era of term limits, George Cushingberry brought valuable insights and experiences to the work of the House and, in particular, to his efforts as chair of the House Committee on Appropriations; and

Whereas, Indeed, in his tenure as chair of Appropriations, the state has seen one of the most troubled economies of recent memory. Crafting budgets in this atmosphere of competing needs has been challenging, and Representative Cushingberry has brought a balance and common sense to the process that stands as tribute to his strength of character. We wish him the best as he completes his tenure of service with the House; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we hereby offer this expression of tribute to the Honorable George Cushingberry, Jr., for his notable contributions to the Michigan House of Representatives; and be it further

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