

Senator Gilbert offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 188.

A resolution for the Honorable Michael Bishop.

Whereas, In honor and recognition of his distinguished term as Senator of the 12th Senate District, the members of this legislative body pay tribute to Senator Michael Bishop. Throughout his legislative career, he has been a steadfast leader and tireless advocate for fiscal efficiency and responsibility in state government; and

Whereas, A man of strong conviction and dedication to the commonweal, Michael Bishop's diverse public and private sector experience has been a great asset to the Michigan Legislature. His expansive educational pursuits include a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Michigan and a juris doctorate from the Detroit College of Law, as well as a studies abroad at Cambridge University in England and the University of Paris-Sorbonne in France. Moreover, his career endeavors include his accomplishments in real estate, as a local prosecuting attorney, and private law practice; and

Whereas, Michael Bishop's tenure as a lawmaker began with his election to the House of Representatives in 1998, where he served until his election to the Senate in 2002. Throughout his legislative service, he has been an agent for change, seeking to reform state spending and governmental restructuring and public employee health care reform, as well as the structure of the Legislature. He sponsored the measure to create the nation's first Michigan child protection registry, and in 2003, legislation that established identity theft as a felony in Michigan; and

Whereas, During his tenure, Michael Bishop has served on several important committees and has been chair of the Senate Banking and Financial Institutions Committee and vice chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee. He held the distinguished position of Senate Majority Leader from 2007 to 2010 and chair of the Government Operations Committee, which has the role of providing advice and consent of the Governor's appointments to state agencies and commissions. His work in leadership during an era of exceptional challenge in our state has been marked by unwavering dedication. He has served his constituents and the entire state with distinction; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of tribute to commend and thank Michael Bishop for his many contributions to the Michigan Senate; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Senator Bishop as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes.