

Senator Bishop offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 201.

A resolution of tribute for the honorable Tony Stamas.

Whereas, It is with great respect for his dedication to the people of his district and our entire state that we honor and thank Tony Stamas in acknowledgement of his service as a member of the Michigan Senate. As his tenure draws to a close, we commend him for his thoughtful contributions to the legislative process over the past eight years and his diligence in working for a stronger Michigan; and

Whereas, A graduate of Michigan State University and a lifelong Midland area resident, Tony Stamas came to Lansing and the Capitol following his election to the Michigan House of Representatives in 1998. His experience with his family's small business and his extensive involvement in county government and a variety of civic groups have proven invaluable throughout his exemplary legislative tenure; and

Whereas, Senator Stamas has been a notable contributor to the work of the Appropriations Committee during a period of exceptional financial difficulties for our state. He has exerted leadership in crafting key budgets, especially as the chair of the Subcommittee on Higher Education. He has shepherded several bills through the process of becoming law, including measures in the areas of economic and business development. Another highlight of his service was his sponsorship of the measure ultimately approved by voters in a statewide ballot proposal to provide greater protections for private property against abuses of the use of eminent domain; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of our thanks to honor Senator Tony Stamas as he concludes his service to the people of this state as a member of this legislative body from 2003 to 2010; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Senator Stamas and his family as evidence of our gratitude for his service to our state and this legislative body.