

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

House Resolution No. 478.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Wayne Schmidt.

Whereas, It is a pleasure to extend this expression of thanks to Representative Wayne Schmidt as he brings to a close his tenure with the Michigan House of Representatives. He has shown dedication in service to his community in many capacities, often in a leadership position; and

Whereas, A graduate of the Michigan State University Political Leadership Program, Wayne Schmidt put that training to good use in his legislative tenure as chair of the Commerce, Michigan Capitol, and Transportation and Infrastructure committees. He also served with distinction on the Energy and Technology; Health Policy; Great Lakes and the Environment; and Natural Resources, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation committees. Notably, he lead the House through unemployment insurance and worker's compensation reforms; and

Whereas, Before coming to the Legislature, Wayne Schmidt lived his sense of civic duty by serving five terms on the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners, including as vice-chair and chair of the board. He also sat on the boards of the Grand Traverse County Economic Development Corporation and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, the Grand Traverse Republican Party, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Northwest Michigan, the Bay Area Transit Authority, the National Cherry Festival, the Great Lakes Community Mental Health Authority; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Wayne Schmidt for his years of service and dedication to this legislative body, his district, and the entire state; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Schmidt as a token of our esteem and gratitude.