

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

House Resolution No. 449.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Rudy Hobbs.

Whereas, It is a great pleasure to pay tribute to the Honorable Rudy Hobbs for his outstanding service to the Thirty-fifth District and the entire state. We commend him for his many significant contributions to this legislative body and the lawmaking process during his four years as a state representative; and

Whereas, Rudy Hobbs is a long-time resident of Southfield and proud alumnus of Southfield-Lathrup High School. After earning a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in education administration from Michigan State University, he taught in the Detroit and Southfield public schools. While working as a teacher, he realized that he could have a bigger impact on Michigan's youth by reforming education policy at the federal, state, and local level. He began working for U.S. Congressman Sander Levin, eventually serving as Congressman Levin's district director. He advised Lieutenant Governor John Cherry on education and economic reform and served on the Southfield School Board. To cap his impressive credentials, he completed the bipartisan Michigan Political Leadership Program; and

Whereas, In 2011, Rudy Hobbs brought his passion for public service and education reform to Lansing when he was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives. As a freshman representative, he was chosen Legislator of the Year by both the Michigan Municipal League and the Building Owners and Managers Association for his dedication to improving educational opportunities and enhancing the overall quality of life for Michigan residents. During his four years in the House of Representatives, he made notable contributions to legislation while serving on committees, such as education, tax policy, energy and technology, and as the vice-chair of the Government Operations Committee. Recognizing his leadership skills, his colleagues selected him to serve as Minority Floor Leader in 2013; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we commend and thank the Honorable Rudy Hobbs for his conscientious and dedicated service on behalf of the people of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to our colleague, Representative Rudy Hobbs, as evidence of our esteem and best wishes for the future.