

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

House Resolution No. 475.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Dan Lauwers.

Whereas, It is a distinct pleasure to honor Representative Dan Lauwers as his three terms in the Michigan House of Representatives come to an end. Representative Lauwers has been a thoughtful and hard-working advocate for his constituents in the Eighty-first District since his election in 2012; and

Whereas, Representative Lauwers' education and experience prepared him for his work in the House of Representatives. He earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics at Michigan State University and has been the owner and general manager of Eastern Michigan Grain for many years. He has also worked for the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and the National Milk Producers Federation, in addition to serving as a congressional staffer; and

Whereas, Representative Lauwers' expertise made him a natural fit for the Agriculture Committee, which he chaired during the 2015-2016 term. He also represented his constituents as the vice chair of the Government Operations Committee and on the Energy and Technology; Michigan Competitiveness; Transportation and Infrastructure; Regulatory Reform; and Workforce and Talent Development committees. Representative Lauwers embraced leadership opportunities during his time in the House, taking on the important and demanding task of serving as the Majority Floor Leader during his final term; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Dan Lauwers for his notable contributions to this legislative body and to our state; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Lauwers as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes as he moves onto the Senate.