

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

**House Resolution No. 426.**

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Tom Cochran.

Whereas, It is a pleasure to extend the congratulations of this legislative body to Representative Tom Cochran as he completes his service in the House of Representatives. Since his election in 2012, Representative Cochran has been a leader on issues that impact the lives of citizens in the Sixty-seventh District and Michiganders as a whole, particularly in areas of education and public safety; and

Whereas, A graduate of Lansing Community College and Siena Heights University, Representative Cochran brought to the Legislature a wealth of public service experience that includes almost 30 years as a Lansing City Fire Department firefighter, paramedic, and eventually, fire chief. For 10 years he served as union representative and president of the International Association of Fire Fighters Lansing Local 421. He was also a member of many community boards including the Greater Lansing Labor Council and the City of Lansing Police and Fire Pension Board; and

Whereas, In his three terms as a state representative, Representative Cochran has been an advocate for Michigan public safety officers, educators, and middle-class families. This dedication is evident in his support for legislation that protects healthcare benefits for retired police officers and firefighters. He served as minority vice chair of the Appropriations Transportation and Joint Capital Outlay subcommittees and the Insurance Committee. He also served on the Health Policy and Transportation and Infrastructure committees. His work in the House has been appreciated by his colleagues and staff members; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Tom Cochran 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 Cochran as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes.