

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

House Resolution No. 451.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Phil Phelps.

Whereas, It is with great appreciation that we thank and honor Representative Phil Phelps as he completes his service with the House of Representatives. Representative Phelps' experience will be missed by his constituents in the Forty-ninth District and all Michigan residents; and

Whereas, Phil Phelps came to the Legislature with several years' experience in government. He started young, at the age of 13, as a volunteer for U.S. Congressman Dale Kildee. He also worked in the House of Representatives Democratic Communications office, as the regional director of external affairs in Governor Jennifer Granholm's administration, as a special advisor to Representative Richard Hammel, and as chief of staff for Representative Pam Faris. As spokesman for the Genesee Health Plan initiative, he provided voters with information on funding health care for Genesee County residents. In addition to his experience in government, Representative Phelps worked in the private sector assisting a tech start-up company with commercialization; and

Whereas, Representative Phelps studied at Mott Community College before earning a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Michigan-Flint. He was a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science national honor society; and

Whereas, In 2013, Representative Phelps was elected to the House of Representatives in a special election to fill a vacancy in the Forty-ninth District. In his five years in the House of Representatives, Representative Phelps has used his experiences to benefit the committees he has served, including as minority vice chair of the Communications and Technology Committee and as a member of the Health Policy, Agriculture, and Insurance committees. He was part of a bipartisan effort to provide workers' compensation to former employees of the Delphi Corporation, who went without benefits for many months due to the bankruptcy of the company. He also sponsored several bills to protect water quality, improve education, and address public health concerns; now, therefore, be it

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