

Senator Meekhof offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 195.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Jim Marleau.

Whereas, As he brings to a close his tenure of public service with the Michigan Senate, the members of this legislative body are honored to applaud the service and contributions of Jim Marleau. As a distinguished member of this legislative body, Senator Marleau exhibited commitment and dedication to his constituents of the Twelfth District as well as to citizens throughout this state; and

Whereas, In addition to earning an associate's degree in business and finance from the University of Toledo, Senator Marleau became a certified municipal financial advisor through Central Michigan University. He developed a keen business acumen through experiences as a store manager, manufacturer's representative, business owner, and Habitat for Humanity member; and

Whereas, Senator Marleau brought to the Legislature a rich and diverse background of knowledge and experience in business and community service involvement. Elected to the House of Representatives in 2004, he served for six years prior to his election to the Senate in 2010. He was a member of the Appropriations Committee where he was chair of the Health and Human Services Subcommittee and vice chair of the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Subcommittee. The former chair of the Committee on Health Policy served on numerous other committees during his tenure, addressing issues related to banking, energy and technology, insurance, and transportation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Jim Marleau on his completion of an 8-year tenure with the Senate and 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 Senator Marleau as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes.