

Senator Meekhof offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 199.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Hoon-Yung Hopgood.

Whereas, The members of the Senate extend our thanks and best wishes to Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood as he completes his tenure with this legislative body. His dedication and diligent efforts have benefited not only his constituents in Wayne County, but our entire state; and

Whereas, Hoon-Yung Hopgood earned his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Michigan. He developed his political acumen early, with stints as labor coordinator for the Michigan State AFL-CIO, House Democratic Policy staff, and legislative assistant to Representative Raymond Basham; and

Whereas, After serving six years in the House of Representatives, Hoon-Yung Hopgood was elected to the Senate in 2010 and reelected in 2014. He is the first Korean-American to hold state office in Michigan. His focus in the Senate has been on issues that matter to working families, including education, health care, and the environment; and

Whereas, Senator Hopgood brought his experience and leadership to the standing committees on Health Policy, Education, Energy and Technology, Outdoor Recreation and Tourism, and Transportation, serving as minority vice chair on the latter three. He also served on the Appropriations subcommittees on Agriculture and Rural Development; Environmental Quality; K-12, School Aid, Education; and Natural Resources. Similarly, Senator Hopgood devoted his expertise and diligence to a special committee on the Michigan Merit Curriculum. His abilities and leadership skills have been recognized in the Senate, as he was named Assistant Minority Floor Leader and Associate Senate President Pro Tempore; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Hoon-Yung Hopgood 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 Hopgood as evidence of our esteem and best wishes.