

Senator Meekhof offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 215.**

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Tom Casperson.

Whereas, It is with deep appreciation for his dedication to our state and his district that we join in honoring and thanking Senator Tom Casperson as he brings to close his tenure as a lawmaker. Senator Casperson has been a passionate and effective advocate for the residents of the Thirty-eighth Senate District and all of the Upper Peninsula during his eight years in the Senate; and

Whereas, Prior to his election to the State Senate in 2010, Tom Casperson was involved with his family log trucking business for 27 years, 12 as the owner/operator. He has served on the board of directors and the transportation committee of the Michigan Association of Timbermen, is a former president of the Michigan Professional Log Truck Council, and former member of the legislative committee of the Timber Producers Association; and

Whereas, He brought his extensive experience in forestry, business, transportation, and natural resources first to the House of Representatives where he served 6 years beginning in 2002, and then to the Michigan Senate where his natural ability to work with all interested parties has proven valuable on many important issues; and

Whereas, During Senator Casperson's tenure, he has served as chair of the Natural Resources and Transportation Committees, and as a member on the standing committees of Families, Seniors, and Human Services; Finance; Outdoor Recreation and Tourism; and Reforms, Restructuring, and Reinventing. Over the past eight years, he has been especially active working on legislation to ensure the health and profitability of Michigan's forests, to permit metallic mining in Michigan, to ensure the state properly makes payments in lieu of taxes to local governments for state owned land located within local jurisdictions, and to add flexibility to the way that Michigan Natural Resources Trust funds can be used; now, therefore, be it

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