

Senator Meekhof offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 216.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Margaret O'Brien.

Whereas, It is with great admiration that we honor Senator Margaret O'Brien as she brings to a close her tenure of service with the Michigan Senate. With the love, support, and inspiration of her husband, Nick, and her four children—Samantha, Tyjon, Duane, and Torian—Senator O'Brien has exhibited steadfast leadership within this chamber and a strong commitment to improving the lives of the people of the Twentieth District and the entire state of Michigan; and

Whereas, A lifelong resident of Kalamazoo County, Senator O'Brien earned a degree from the James Madison College at Michigan State University. She worked as a social worker and realtor prior to being elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 2010, where she served two terms. While serving her community as a Portage City Council member and chair of the Kalamazoo County Environmental Health Advisory Council, she demonstrated her enduring dedication to public service and garnered expertise that has been valuable to her time in the Michigan Legislature; and

Whereas, Elected to the Senate in 2014, Senator O'Brien has made positive contributions throughout her term of service. Recognized by her colleagues as a leader, Senator O'Brien held positions as the Assistant President Pro Tempore; chair of the Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security; and vice chair of the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, in addition to her active participation in several other standing committees. While in office, she reached across the aisle to ensure safe drinking water for the citizens of the city of Parchment and Cooper Township and introduced bipartisan legislation addressing sexual assault. She has been a passionate advocate for children, educational reform, fair taxation, veterans, and environmental remediation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Margaret O'Brien for her notable contributions to this legislative body and to our state; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Senator O'Brien as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes.