

Senator Meekhof offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 219.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Dave Hildenbrand.

Whereas, It is a pleasure to extend this expression of thanks to Senator Dave Hildenbrand as he brings to a close his tenure with the Michigan Senate. In these past eight years, he has shown tremendous dedication and commitment to the Twenty-ninth District and this body; and

Whereas, Dave Hildenbrand joined the Senate in 2011 with extensive experience in legislative governance. Prior to his election to the Michigan House of Representatives in 2004, where he served three terms and ascended to the position of Minority Floor Leader, the Michigan State University graduate was appointed chief of staff to Senator Bill Hardiman and deputy chief of staff to Lieutenant Governor Dick Posthumus. Senator Hildenbrand also served as an agriculture policy advisor to Governor John Engler. Dave Hildenbrand is an active member of the Lowell community having worked with organizations like Habitat for Humanity, the YMCA, 4-H, Right to Life of Michigan, the Kent County Farm Bureau, and Moose Lodge 809; and

Whereas, For eight years, Senator Hildenbrand has served with great distinction, putting his expertise and leadership to good use. He was appointed chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee in 2015, having previously served on numerous committees including as vice chair of the Economic Development, Government Operations, and Outdoor Recreation and Tourism committees. As a result of his steady leadership and work, Michigan's veterans' homes are being modernized; the homestead property tax credit has been made simpler for disabled veterans; law enforcement agents have the tools needed to help address the state's synthetic drug problem; and Michiganders can donate to the Amber Alert Fund on their state income tax returns. His keen understanding of the legislative and budget processes has earned him the esteem of colleagues and staff alike; now, therefore, be it

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