

Senator Kowall offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 222.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Arlan B. Meekhof.

Whereas, It is a privilege to extend the congratulations of the Senate to the Honorable Arlan Meekhof as he concludes his service to the state of Michigan as a member of this legislative body. As the Majority Leader of the Senate, he has tirelessly worked to improve our state and ensure its continued prosperity; and

Whereas, A native of west Michigan, Arlan Meekhof brought a wealth of local community experience to the Legislature. He was first elected to the Olive Township Board of Trustees in 1996 and later served as the township supervisor. He has also played an active role with his church and local school. In 2006, he was elected to represent his community and the surrounding area in the House of Representatives. Over his four years in the House, he worked diligently on numerous issues of importance to his constituents, including agricultural, outdoor recreation, and taxation issues. In 2010 and 2014, he was elected to the Senate to represent the residents of the Thirtieth District; and

Whereas, Senator Meekhof has been a strong, steady, and respected leader within this legislative body. During his first term, he served as Majority Floor Leader, vice chair of the Local Government and Elections Committee, and as a member of many other committees. In his second term, he was chosen by his peers to serve as the Senate Majority Leader. In these roles, he was at the center of the Senate's work to protect workers' freedom, ensure common sense environmental protection, improve road funding, revitalize the Detroit Public Schools, ensure the long-term health of the teacher retirement system, provide tax relief, and promote economic growth, among other issues. He has never shied away from doing what he believed was right for the people of Michigan, regardless of how controversial the issue may be; now, therefore, be it

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