

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Gretchen Whitmer.

Whereas, With her election to the Michigan Senate, Representative Gretchen Whitmer is bringing to a close her tenure of service to the people of this state as a member of the Michigan House of Representatives. As she embarks on the new challenges before her, we are proud to extend this expression of gratitude and respect for the manner in which she has contributed to the achievements of this legislative body over the past 5 years; and

Whereas, A graduate of Michigan State University and the Detroit College of Law at MSU, Gretchen Whitmer worked in a variety of capacities within state government and the law prior to her election to the House of Representatives in 2000. Her experiences included working as an administrative law attorney in private practice, efforts with the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office and with the chief judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, and responsibilities as a legislative staffer with the Michigan House; and

Whereas, Representative Whitmer has been a strong voice for her district and for Michigan State University throughout her tenure as a lawmaker. She has contributed significantly to the appropriations process during a difficult economic period for Michigan. Her leadership as the Minority Vice Chair of the House Appropriations Committee reflects her dedication to the challenge of building a stronger state. Her knowledge and energy will continue to benefit the legislative process through her new duties with the Michigan Senate; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we extend this expression of thanks and best wishes to the Honorable Gretchen Whitmer as she brings to a close her service to this legislative body. We look forward to working with her in the Michigan Senate; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Whitmer as evidence of our best wishes.