

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

**House Resolution No. 512.**

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Lorence Wenke.

Whereas, It is with great admiration for his commitment to the people of the Sixty-third District, as well as the entire state, that we honor Representative Lorence Wenke as he ends his tenure of service as a member of this legislative body. His expertise in business and commitment to excellence in public service greatly enriched the efforts of the legislature over the past 6 years; and

Whereas, Lorence Wenke earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Western Michigan University. Prior to his election to the House of Representatives, he served as Kalamazoo County Commissioner for 8 years and was chair for 3. He also has a rich history of private industry experience as the owner of numerous greenhouses, including Wenke Greenhouses, and as a manager at Westinghouse Electric Corporation. He was also involved as a member and volunteer with numerous professional, civic, and community organizations, including the Community Correction Advisory Board, Kalamazoo County Chamber of Commerce, and Kalamazoo Rotary Club; and

Whereas, Throughout his tenure with the House, Representative Wenke has exhibited true commitment in representing his constituents and passing legislation that benefits the citizens of this state. With his invaluable experience as a businessman, he has been an active contributor to the work of numerous committees and has chaired the Higher Education and Career Preparation Committee during the Ninety-third Legislature and the Tax Policy Committee during the Ninety-second Legislature; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our gratitude to the Honorable Lorence Wenke as he brings to a close his tenure in this legislative body; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Wenke as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes.