

Senator Thomas offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 234.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Mark Schauer.

Whereas, It is a privilege to recognize Senator Mark Schauer as he concludes his service in the Michigan Senate and begins a new challenge in the United States House of Representatives. As a legislator, Mark Schauer has pursued initiatives on quality and safe schools, early childhood development and investing in prevention, job training and economic development, and access to health care. His concern for issues that touch all Michiganians earned him the trust of his constituents and the respect of his colleagues; and

Whereas, Mark Schauer brought a wealth of experience to the Michigan Legislature. A graduate of Albion College with a Bachelor of Arts degree, Mark Schauer also holds a master's degree in public administration from Western Michigan University and also a master's degree in political science from Michigan State University. Prior to serving in the Legislature, Mark Schauer worked as the executive director of the Community Action Agency of South Central Michigan. He served on the Battle Creek City Commission and in other local government, political, and civic organizations. He was first elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 1996, where he served three terms before winning his Senate seat in 2002; and

Whereas, Senator Schauer serves as the Senate Democratic Leader and previously served as the Senate Democratic Floor Leader. He retains strong links with his community through a host of civic and professional organizations that work to improve their communities at the local level. Senator Schauer's record of service and excellence has set a standard for the Michigan Senate; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we honor Senator Mark Schauer as he concludes his tenure of service with the Michigan State Senate; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Senator Schauer as a tribute to his public service.