

Senator Bishop offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 189.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Bruce Patterson.

Whereas, It is with gratitude for his dedication over the last 12 years as a state lawmaker and member of this legislative body that we salute Bruce Patterson. His vision, leadership, and talents have contributed to the development of sound policies in Michigan. His commitment to his Canton area district is evidenced by the many community organizations with which he has been involved in service over the last 30 years; and

Whereas, Senator Patterson has contributed his insights and ideas into the wide-ranging policy debates in the full Senate and in his committee responsibilities. During his Senate tenure, Senator Patterson has served honorably as chairman of the Committee on Energy Policy and Public Utilities, while also sitting on the Health Policy, Judiciary, and Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committees, as well as the Legislative Council. He has led the charge on significant public acts to protect consumers from utility shut-offs, provide tax credits to encourage hybrid vehicle research and development, protect students from criminal sexual conduct by school employees, and create watershed alliances to protect the environment; and

Whereas, Bruce Patterson has been recognized for his work over the last ten years by a bevy of state professional organizations and associations, including the Telecommunications Association of Michigan, the Michigan Association of Health Plans, the Michigan Psychological Association, the Michigan Education Association, the Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan League of Conservation Voters, ABATE of Michigan, the Michigan Manufacturers Association, the Michigan Nursing Association, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, and the Michigan Court Officers, Deputy Sheriffs and Process Servers Association; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Bruce Patterson for his notable contributions to this legislative body and to our entire state; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Senator Patterson as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes.