

Senator Bishop offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 190.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Tom George.

Whereas, As Senator Tom George brings to a close his tenure of service in the Michigan Senate, the members of this legislative body are privileged to acknowledge and honor his many contributions on behalf of the citizens of Michigan, especially the constituents in the 20th Senate District. Tom George has pursued his role as a legislator with passion and a deep concern for the health and well-being of the residents of this state; and

Whereas, Tom George parlayed his career in medicine into the role of an advocate for improved access to health care in Michigan. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 2000, where he served for one term before his election to the Senate in 2002. As chair of the Senate Health Policy Committee, he fought for health care reform in Michigan and promoted healthy lifestyles as a means of reducing health care costs; and

Whereas, A native of Flint, Michigan, Tom George attended the University of Michigan for his undergraduate studies and medical school and earned distinctions as a James B. Angell Scholar and member of Phi Beta Kappa. As a board certified anesthesiologist, he has practiced in the Kalamazoo area since 1985. Furthermore, he served as the medical director for Hospice of Greater Kalamazoo from 1996 to 2001; and

Whereas, Tom George has been widely recognized as an effective lawmaker throughout his legislative career. He received Legislator of the Year awards from the Michigan Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, the Michigan Association of Health Plans, and Scenic Michigan, as well as the Friend of Diabetes and Kidney Health Care award from the American Diabetes Association. A noted and published student of Michigan history, he has brought an invaluable sense of perspective to all of his responsibilities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby offer this expression of tribute of appreciation to honor Senator Tom George for his contributions to both the House and Senate and the people of the state of Michigan; and be it further

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