

Senator Bishop offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 197.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Judson Gilbert II.

Whereas, It is with great respect and gratitude for his service to the people of the 25th Senate District, as well as the entire state, that we honor Senator Judson Gilbert as he ends his tenure in the Senate. His dedication and strength of character have helped to steer Michigan during a difficult time in our history; and

Whereas, Jud Gilbert is a proud son and lifelong resident of Algonac. He attended Algonac High School and St. Clair County Community College. From there, he studied mortuary science at Wayne State University. After his graduation, he spent several years as a funeral director, a position requiring a deep well of compassion and dignity. Public service and the desire to give back to his community are ingrained in Jud Gilbert. Organizations such as the Algonac Rotary Club, the Optimist Club, and Youth for Christ have benefited from his service. Other groups fortunate to have his service include the E911 Citizen's Advisory Committee, the Clay Township Planning Commission, the Downriver Recreation Committee, and the Clay Township Downtown Development Authority; and

Whereas, Jud Gilbert was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 1998 and the Michigan Senate in 2002. During his tenure in the Senate, he served on committees shaping finance, agriculture, commerce, and economic development laws. As chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, he presided over the Detroit River International Crossing hearings and worked to protect Michigan's infrastructure needs in an era of financial challenge. Knowing the importance of honoring lost loved ones, Senator Gilbert also took a leadership role on legislation creating the new Office of Cemetery Regulation and the new position of cemetery commissioner; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of our gratitude to honor and thank Senator Judson Gilbert as he completes his service in the Michigan Senate; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Senator Gilbert as a testament of our respect and good wishes.