

Senator Bishop offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 200.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Jason Allen.

Whereas, With the completion of his second term in the Michigan Senate, it is most appropriate for us to commend Senator Jason Allen and to express our gratitude for his contributions to this legislative body. His diligence in articulating and acting on the needs of his district and his thoughtful approach to the challenges facing our state have been deeply appreciated; and

Whereas, After earning a bachelor's degree in finance at Miami University in Ohio, Jason Allen returned to his beloved northern Michigan and his family's business. In addition to gaining insights into the challenges of the business world, he also demonstrated his community-mindedness through his efforts in the National Guard and his work with numerous civic organizations. In 1999, he brought these experiences and insights to Lansing and the Capitol following his election to the Michigan House of Representatives; and

Whereas, Elected to the Michigan Senate in 2002 and 2006, Senator Allen has distinguished himself as a strong fiscal conservative committed to policies that can strengthen Michigan's economy. He has been especially active in promoting the tourism industry. His work in the Senate has been highlighted by his leadership as the chair of the Commerce and Tourism Committee and the Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs Committee, as well as in his dedication to policies to promote Michigan's outdoors heritage. His efforts promoting the Pure Michigan campaign; working on economic development initiatives, especially in the areas of energy development; supporting programs to develop downtowns and encourage investment; and sponsoring measures to support our military properly all reflect Senator Allen's impact; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor and thank Senator Jason Allen for his exemplary public service to the people of Michigan throughout his tenure as a lawmaker; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Senator Allen and his family as evidence of our best wishes for health and happiness in the years to come.