

Senator Prusi offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 206.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Hansen Clarke.

Whereas, The members of the Michigan Senate extend our thanks and best wishes to Senator Hansen Clarke as he completes his tenure with this legislative body. Senator Clarke has been a valuable colleague and a champion for his constituents as evidenced by his faithful accountability to their needs; and

Whereas, A native of Detroit's lower east side, Hansen Clarke graduated from Cornell University with a degree in painting and went on to complete his juris doctorate degree at Georgetown University. He was elected three times to the Michigan House of Representatives and in 2002, was elected to represent the 1st District in the Michigan State Senate for the first of two terms; and

Whereas, Senator Clarke served with distinction on several Senate committees, including as Democratic vice chair for the Committee on Health Policy and the Committee on Commerce and Tourism. He also has served as treasurer of the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus. Senator Clarke has proposed legislation on a wide range of matters of importance to his constituents, including foreclosures and community benefits agreements. He has worked tirelessly to create jobs and provide affordable health care for all Michigan citizens. Furthermore, his concern for city youth led to the establishment of an educational scholarship fund in his mother's name for disadvantaged students; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Hansen Clarke for his notable contributions to this legislative body; and be it further

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