

Senator Prusi offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 210.**

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Samuel Buzz Thomas.

Whereas, It is with great appreciation for his hard work and dedication over the past eight years that we salute Buzz Thomas upon the completion of his duties as a member of the Michigan Senate. Senator Thomas, great-grand nephew of the first African-American legislator in Michigan, has proven to be a dynamic leader who has served his community and state with conviction and effectiveness. Serving in both the Michigan House and Senate, Buzz Thomas was elected by his colleagues to leadership positions in each: House Democratic Leader and Senate Democratic Floor Leader; and

Whereas, Senator Thomas is a recognized leader in the fields of energy and technology, health policy, and urban development. He has sponsored major legislation in these areas, where his vision, experience, and leadership have been invaluable assets. His was the first bill introduced in the Michigan Legislature on distracted driving. His perseverance and diligence were critical to the recent passage of a law banning texting while driving; and

Whereas, Senator Thomas has been an outspoken leader on issues that impact the lives of citizens in his district and across the state. He has utilized his skills and abilities as a member of the Energy Policy and Public Utilities and Homeland Security and Emerging Technologies Committees, as well as in the position of minority vice chair of the Economic Development and Regulatory Reform Committee; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this resolution as an expression of our gratitude to the Honorable Samuel Buzz Thomas for his many contributions to the people of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Senator Thomas as a token of our high regard for his efforts.