

Senator Prusi offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 211.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Martha Scott.

Whereas, As she completes her service with the Michigan Senate, it is most appropriate to salute Martha Scott and to thank her for her contributions to public service throughout her career of nearly 40 years. Beginning in 1972 as a precinct delegate, serving on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, Civil Service Commission, and later as the president of the Highland Park City Council and as the first African-American woman elected mayor of a Michigan city, Martha Scott has dedicated her life to serving her community with passion and aplomb. Her dedication to public service expanded statewide as she served three terms in the Michigan House of Representatives and two terms in the Senate; and

Whereas, Senator Scott's commitment to the needs and concerns of her constituents has been evident throughout her long career in public service. She fought for restoration of the Davison Freeway and restoration of funding to Highland Park Community College. Most recently in the Senate, she has led the charge on lead poisoning testing, and she has been a tireless advocate calling for automobile insurance reform. She is the founder and president of the M.G. Scott Foundation, which provides support for health and education initiatives in her district; and

Whereas, Among her many distinctions and leadership accolades, Martha Scott is a recipient of Legislator of the Year Awards from DADS and MOMS of Michigan, Michigan NOW, and the Michigan Prevention Association. She serves as Michigan state director for the National Foundation for Women Legislators and Women in Government, as well as the executive vice chair of the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of gratitude and appreciation to the Honorable Martha Scott for her years of service and dedication to this legislative body, her district, and the entire state; and be it further

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