

Senator Prusi offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 214.**

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Raymond Basham.

Whereas, It is a great pleasure to commend and thank Senator Raymond Basham as he brings to a close his distinctive service in the Senate. His sense of commitment, dedication, and energy have benefited not only his Wayne County district, but our entire state and country; and

Whereas, Ray Basham's public service began with a stint in the U.S. Air Force, followed by positions in Taylor as constable and as a member of the Taylor Planning Commission, City Council, and Water Commission. His commitment to serve was also evident during his 30-year career with Ford Motor Company, where he held several leadership positions in the UAW Local 245; and

Whereas, Senator Basham has shown a great willingness and ability to work across the aisle during his tenure in the Michigan Legislature. He has contributed to the work of the Local, Urban, and State Affairs, Judiciary, and Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs Committees and has provided leadership as minority vice chair of the Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs and Transportation Committees. He has contributed greatly to the legislative process and has been an outspoken leader on many issues, including efforts to increase the minimum wage and to address water withdrawal policies. His unswerving devotion to passing the Michigan nonsmoking bill attests to his determination and conviction on matters that impact the lives of citizens across this state. Ray Basham has been an able leader and visionary and has earned our respect for all that he has achieved; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of our gratitude to the Honorable Raymond Basham as he brings to a close his tenure in this legislative body; and be it further

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