

Senator Thomas offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 216.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Michael Prusi.

Whereas, It is with deep appreciation for his dedication to our state and his district that we join in honoring and thanking Senator Michael Prusi as he brings to a close his tenure as a lawmaker. With passion, commitment, and a heartfelt concern for the struggles many people in our state face at a difficult juncture in Michigan's history, he has been an effective advocate of solutions rooted in compassion and an eye to the future; and

Whereas, Mike Prusi came to the Capitol following his election to the Michigan House of Representatives in a special election in 1995 with a deep and personal understanding of the challenges of working families. His more than 20 years as an iron ore miner in his native Upper Peninsula gave him insights on a host of key public policy issues. This background, as well as his years working as president of his local union, has proven invaluable not only in discussions of specific legislative proposals, but also in the ability to work with people representing all points of view on issues; and

Whereas, Since his election to the Senate in 2002, Senator Prusi has distinguished himself through his diligence and integrity. Over the past eight years, he has been especially active working to address such issues as the state budget, employment security, and education. As the Democratic Leader during the 95th Legislature, Senator Prusi has been tireless in bringing his caucus together to fight for policies that reflect his heartfelt concerns for the future of the people of this state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of tribute to honor and thank Senator Michael Prusi as he completes his service to this legislative body and brings to a close his work as a lawmaker; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Senator Prusi and his family as a reflection of our gratitude for his outstanding efforts on behalf of his district and our entire state.