

**SR-211, As Adopted by Senate, December 18, 2014**

Senator Moolenaar offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 211.**

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable David Lee Camp.

Whereas, The members of the Michigan Legislature are honored to commend and thank Congressman David L. Camp for his tireless service to the people of the state of Michigan and the United States of America. Congressman Camp has served on behalf of his constituents in the United States House of Representatives for twelve terms; and

Whereas, David L. Camp was born July 9, 1953, in Midland, Michigan, to Norma L. Nehil and Robert D. Camp. After graduating from Midland H.H. Dow High School, David Camp attended the University of Sussex in Brighton, England, from 1973 to 1974 and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree, magna cum laude, in 1975 from Albion College in Albion, Michigan. He went on to earn a juris doctor from the University of San Diego School of Law in 1978; and

Whereas, After graduating from law school, David Camp joined the law firm Riecker, George, Hartley, Van Dam and Camp in Midland, Michigan. He worked as legal counsel from 1979 to 1991. During this time, he also spent four years as a special assistant to the Michigan Attorney General from 1980 to 1984. He served on the staff of U.S. Representative Bill Schuette from 1984 to 1987; and

Whereas, David Camp started his service to the state of Michigan by serving on the Midland County Board of Canvassers. He then won a seat in the Michigan House of Representatives in 1988 and served one term representing the 102nd District. After his time in the Michigan House of Representatives, he won a challenging primary for Michigan's 10th District in the United States House of Representatives; and

Whereas, On January 3, 1991, Congressman David Camp was sworn in and took his fight to the national level to make America more competitive and free. During his time in Congress, he was recognized by his peers and advocacy groups for his consistent focus on agriculture, health care, and welfare reform. During his time in the United States House of Representatives, Congressman Camp has earned a reputation for effectiveness and reaching across the aisle; authoring legislation signed into law by Presidents Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama; and

Whereas, Congressman Camp has been a leader in adoption and foster care issues. His experience in private practice showed him the need to streamline the adoption process to move

children from foster care to their forever home much more quickly. He achieved success with the introduction and passage of the landmark Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1996. Congressman Camp also co-sponsored the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 and the Adoption Promotion Act of 2003. He used this expertise as chairman of the board for the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute; and

Whereas, After serving one term as ranking member of the House Committee on Ways and Means, on January 5, 2011, Congressman Camp began his tenure as chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means. As chairman, Congressman Camp has worked with lawmakers on both sides of the aisle to produce the legislation that would be the most comprehensive overhaul of the tax code in almost thirty years. The Tax Reform Act of 2014 proposed a simpler and fairer tax code that will be a blueprint for future reform; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we extend our heartfelt and everlasting thanks to Congressman David L. Camp as he completes his service to the people of Michigan in the United States House of Representatives; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Congressman David L. Camp and his family as evidence of our highest esteem and admiration for his diligent service, selfless sacrifice, and unending contributions to this great state of Michigan and the United States of America.