Reps. Walsh, Stamas, Lund, Haveman and Schmidt offered the following resolution: **House Resolution No. 483.** 

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Jase Bolger, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Whereas, It is most appropriate and fitting that the members of this legislative body salute the Honorable Jase Bolger as he brings to a close his service as the Speaker of the House of Representatives. He has been a model of leadership who has dedicated his tenure to efficient state government, resuscitating Michigan's economy, and making our state the best place to work and raise a family; and

Whereas, Jase Bolger graduated from Western Michigan University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in finance and political science. He would go on to start his own small business in Kalamazoo. In 2004, he was first elected to public office as a member of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners. In 2008, the residents of the Sixty-third District first elected him to represent them in the House of Representatives; and

Whereas, Speaker Bolger has distinguished himself over his six years of service to the state with his leadership and commitment to improving our state. For the last four years as Speaker, he has guided this chamber as it has worked to create a more fair tax structure, improve Michigan's business climate, create jobs, reform transportation funding, and set the city of Detroit and other local governments on the road to recovery. In addition, he lead on reducing the long-term liabilities for the state while increasing education funding over \$1 billion and providing additional education options for our students. Our state would not be in the place it is now without his unwavering resolve and willingness to tackle the tough issues and his ability to focus on both the short- and long-term best interests of state residents; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Jase Bolger, Speaker of the House of Representatives, for his distinguished service to this legislative body and to our entire state; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Speaker Bolger as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes.