

Senator Richardville offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 199.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable John Moolenaar.

Whereas, It is with great respect for his commitment to the people of our state and his district that we offer this expression of our thanks and best wishes to Senator John Moolenaar for his outstanding service over the past four years. His consistency, thoughtfulness, and commitment to working with his colleagues to find solutions to Michigan's problems have been deeply appreciated; and

Whereas, John Moolenaar grew up in Midland and is a proud alumnus of Herbert Henry Dow High School. After earning a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Hope College and a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University, he worked for MITECH+, Dow Chemical Company, and the Middle Michigan Development Corporation. He also served as an administrator for Midland Academy of Advanced and Creative Studies, as a teacher at Saginaw Valley State University, and as a Midland city councilman. John Moolenaar has brought a strong work ethic, integrity, and his deep analytical skills to every position he has held; and

Whereas, After serving six productive and exemplary years in the House of Representatives, John Moolenaar was elected to the Michigan Senate in November 2010. He served as the chair of the Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security Committee and as the vice chair of the Appropriations Committee. During his four years in the Senate, he has sponsored legislation to help veterans and increase the number of health professionals in the state. He has also authored several important public acts, including the Fair and Open Competition in Governmental Construction Act, an act creating the State Forest Products Industry Development Council, and an act reestablishing the aquifer protection program. In 2011, he was named Legislator of the Year by the Associated Builders and Contractors of Michigan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we honor and commend Senator John Moolenaar for his dedication over the past four years as a member of the Michigan Senate; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Senator Moolenaar and his family as evidence of our best wishes for the future.