

Senator Richardville offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 206.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Mark C. Jansen.

Whereas, On the occasion of his retirement from the Michigan Senate, the members of this legislative body are proud to honor and congratulate Senator Mark C. Jansen after eight years of distinguished service. His long and illustrious career working for the people of Kent County have been of great benefit to his constituents in the Twenty-eighth District and all Michiganders; and

Whereas, Mark Jansen first brought his experiences and insights to our State Capitol in 1997 following his election to the Michigan House of Representatives, where he proved to be an effective contributor in the appropriations process. An unselfish civil leader who served as the director of special initiatives for Habitat for Humanity of Michigan, following his retirement from the House in 2002, he joined the Senate in 2007, immediately putting his deep knowledge and experience of the legislative process to work. He has been especially active working on issues that address such topics as the state budget, unemployment insurance bonding, reining in employee health care costs for local government, and reforming the state employees retirement system; and

Whereas, In his two Senate terms, Senator Jansen has distinguished himself through his diligence and integrity. He served with distinction on several committees, including Families and Human Services, Finance, and Appropriations. In recognition of his leadership skills, Senator Jansen was appointed chair of the Committee on Reforms, Restructuring, and Reinventing, as well as vice chair on numerous Appropriations subcommittees. On several occasions, Senator Jansen's unswerving devotion and work ethic has been recognized by civic organizations, local government groups, and educational associations, including twice earning the MIRS News Most Effective Senator Award; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of our gratitude to the Honorable Mark C. Jansen for his many contributions to the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Senator Mark C. Jansen as evidence of our esteem and best wishes.