

Senator Richardville offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 210.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Gretchen Whitmer.

Whereas, It is a pleasure for the members of the Michigan Senate to commend and thank Senator Gretchen Whitmer as she brings her distinguished legislative tenure to a close. We deeply appreciate her commitment to the residents of the Twenty-third District and the entire state; and

Whereas, Gretchen Whitmer grew up in East Lansing and attended public schools in East Lansing and Grand Rapids. She is a proud alumnus of Forest Hills Central High School. After earning a bachelor's degree in communications from Michigan State University and a law degree from the Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University, she practiced law with the firm Dickinson Wright, where she specialized in administrative and regulatory litigation. Soon afterward, her passion for advocacy guided her to elected office in Lansing; and

Whereas, Senator Whitmer was first elected to the Michigan Senate in 2006, after serving six years in the House of Representatives. Her notable legislative achievements, though too many to list, include being the first woman to lead a caucus in the Michigan Senate, when she was selected as the Senate Minority Leader in 2011. She served on several committees and was the vice chair for the Education, Judiciary, and Government Operations Committees. She co-chaired a ballot initiative to allow embryonic stem cell research in Michigan, helped craft anti-bullying legislation, and has been a champion for consumers' rights bills, such as elder abuse legislation. She has been a tireless and outspoken advocate for her district and the state of Michigan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of gratitude and commendation to Senator Gretchen Whitmer for her exemplary service and her dedication to Michigan; and be it further

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