

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 375.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Thomas B. Hooker.

Whereas, The members of the House of Representatives are proud to offer this expression of gratitude to Representative Thomas Hooker for his service to the residents of the Seventy-seventh District and to this entire state. As he brings to a close his three terms of service, we are privileged to reflect on the impact that he has had on the lives of the citizens of this state; and

Whereas, Thomas Hooker was elected to the House of Representatives in 2010 after thirty-seven years of service to the Byron Center Public Schools. In addition to teaching, he was the high school football coach for over twenty years and the wrestling coach for thirty-seven years. Furthermore, as an active member of his church, he contributed to the ministry by working with at-risk youth; and

Whereas, His concern for youth and desire to help others created a natural segue to his interest in family and children's issues in the Legislature. He served as chair of the Families, Children, and Seniors Committee as well as a member of the Health Policy, Education, and Military and Veterans Affairs committees. His experiences afforded him an insight and perspective that have been invaluable to the House of Representatives; now, therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we honor Representative Thomas B. Hooker for his years of dedicated and conscientious service to the House of Representatives; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Hooker as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes.