

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

House Resolution No. 388.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Rick Outman.

Whereas, With great respect for his commitment to our state and its future, we commend our colleague Rick Outman as he brings to a close his service to the people of the Seventieth District. His devotion to solving Michigan's problems during an era of great challenge has earned our gratitude; and

Whereas, A native of Montcalm County, Rick Outman earned a bachelor of science and teaching degree from Grand Valley State University. He is a combat veteran having served with the U.S. Army in Beirut, Lebanon. Representative Outman is a longtime resident and businessman in the Seventieth District where he served with the 1073rd National Guard unit in Greenville and owns and operates Outman Excavating. He has long participated in community activities, distinguishing himself through local Chamber of Commerce initiatives, the Montcalm County Farm Bureau, and as a member of the Montcalm County Soil and Conservation District. These activities have provided him with insights into matters of concern to communities across all of Michigan; and

Whereas, During his time in the House, Representative Outman worked in several public policy areas. He sought to promote the agriculture products of Michigan and simplify the election process for local governments. He contributed significantly to discussions concerning outdoor recreation, seniors, veterans, and hunting and fishing. His experiences provided invaluable resources to the committees on which he served, including the committees on Agriculture, Communications and Technology, Energy Policy, and Military and Veterans Affairs; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Rick Outman for his notable contributions to this legislative body and to our entire state; and be it further

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