

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

**House Resolution No. 421.**

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Tom Barrett.

Whereas, The members of the Michigan House of Representatives extend our thanks and best wishes to Representative Tom Barrett as he brings to a close four years with this legislative body. Representative Barrett has been a valued colleague and a champion for his constituents of the Seventy-first District as evidenced by his faithful accountability to their needs; and

Whereas, A 16-year veteran of the U.S. Army, Tom Barrett was deployed to Iraq, Kuwait, Guantanamo Bay, and South Korea. He currently serves part-time in the Michigan Army National Guard as a Blackhawk and Lakota helicopter pilot. Prior to his election to the Legislature in 2014, Representative Barrett earned a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and served state government as an analyst with the Michigan Department of Treasury; and

Whereas, Representative Barrett served with distinction on several committees including as chair of the Military and Veterans Affairs Committee and the Agriculture Committee and a member of the Energy Policy, Government Operations, Insurance, Commerce and Trade, and Communications and Technology committees. He proposed legislation on a wide range of issues of importance to his constituents, such as auto insurance and pension reform. Of great significance are the bills Representative Barrett introduced to advance the lives of veterans and active military personnel statewide. He was instrumental in improving living conditions for veterans at both veterans' homes in the state, protecting the parental rights of deployed service members, and adding protections for veterans with service dogs; now, therefore, be it

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

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Barrett as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes as he moves onto the Senate.