

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

House Resolution No. 434.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Joseph Graves.

Whereas, It is a great pleasure to congratulate Representative Joseph Graves as his tenure in the House of Representatives concludes. Representative Graves' work ethic and commitment to public service have benefited his constituents in the Fifty-first District and the people of this state; and

Whereas, Representative Graves was well-prepared for legislative service before entering the House of Representatives through a special election in February 2012. He earned a bachelor's degree from Siena Heights University, and a Master's of Business Administration from Baker College. Representative Graves worked as an engineer at General Motors for more than 30 years and owns a business in Genesee County. He was also no stranger to public service, having served in the United States Army, as an Argentine Township trustee and clerk, and on the Genesee County Commission before coming to Lansing; and

Whereas, Representative Graves has worked on a wide variety of issues while serving in the House, which is reflected in his committee service. During nearly seven years in this legislative body, he has served on the Health Policy, Energy and Technology, Judiciary, Local Government; Oversight and Ethics; and Law and Justice committees. Representative Graves has also chaired the Commerce and Trade Committee and the Oversight Committee, led the Oversight and Ethics Committee's subcommittee on Unemployment Reform during the 2015-2016 term, and served as vice chair on the Criminal Justice; Financial Services; and Military and Veterans Affairs committees; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Joseph Graves 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 Graves as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes.