

Senator Meekhof offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 201.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Steven M. Bieda.

Whereas, It is with great appreciation for his commitment to the people of the Ninth District, as well as the entire state, that we honor Senator Steven M. Bieda on his retirement from the Michigan Senate after eight years of dedicated service; and

Whereas, Steven M. Bieda has a long and accomplished career in public service. The former three-term representative received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Wayne State University, a juris doctor from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, and a master of laws in taxation from his alma mater, Wayne State University. Prior to his 2002 election to the House of Representatives, he was the labor relations director for the city of Warren, a senior policy analyst for the House, and an attorney specializing in estate and tax planning. His dedication to community and its history has been evidenced time and again, serving Warren in numerous capacities, including his local Lions Club, historical society, and Michigan Labor Legacy Project. Displaying his creative side, he also designed two U.S. Mint coins, the Thomas Edison Silver Dollar and the reverse side of the 1992 issue of the U.S. Olympic Half Dollar; and

Whereas, Elected to the Michigan Senate in 2010 and 2014, Senator Bieda has been a strong advocate for all Michigan residents. Serving on numerous committees, including as minority vice chair on the committees on Finance, Insurance, and Judiciary, he worked diligently on a wide array of issues, from expanding economic opportunities, reforming health and auto insurance, and reducing the cost of early education to election reforms. The former Assistant Democratic Leader was also a member of the Legislative Council, Michigan Commission on Uniform State Laws, and the Michigan Capitol Committee. The historical replica cannons installed on the Capitol lawn will be long-serving reminders of his dedication to the preservation of Michigan's culture and history; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Steven M. Bieda 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 Senator Bieda as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes.