

Senator Meekhof offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 210.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable David Knezek.

Whereas, As he brings to a close his tenure of public service with the Michigan Senate, we are honored to laud the contributions of Senator David Knezek. As a distinguished member of this legislative body, Senator Knezek exhibited commitment and dedication to his constituents of the Fifth District encompassing parts of Wayne County, as well as to citizens throughout this state; and

Whereas, David Knezek brought to the Michigan Legislature an impressive background of public service first in the military and later in elective office. He completed two tours of duty in Iraq as a member of the Scout Sniper Platoon. He was highly decorated with numerous awards as well as advancement to the rank of Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps; and

Whereas, After his honorable military discharge, Senator Knezek resumed his educational pursuits at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, graduating with a bachelor's degree in political science in 2012. As a student, he was president of student government and an advocate for his fellow students, earning him recognition as a University of Michigan-Dearborn Difference Maker and recipient of the University of Michigan-Dearborn Distinguished Student Leader Award; and

Whereas, Drawing on his military service and his educational credentials, David Knezek was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 2012. In 2014, he was elected to the Michigan Senate where he held positions of leadership as part of the Democratic Leadership Team and as chair of the Senate Democratic Caucus. Moreover, he served as a member of the Appropriations Committee as minority vice chair of the Community Colleges and the State Police and Military Affairs subcommittees. He was also vice chair on the Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security Committee and a member of the Energy and Technology and the Health Policy committees; and

Whereas, Senator Knezek's tenure with the Michigan Legislature has embodied a deep and abiding commitment to public service. As a veteran and legislator, he set a sterling example of leadership for future lawmakers to follow; now, therefore, be it

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