

Senator Meekhof offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 211.**

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Goeff Hansen.

Whereas, It is with great respect for his commitment to the Thirty-fourth District encompassing the counties of Muskegon, Newaygo, and Oceana and the entire state of Michigan that we offer this expression of thanks and acclamation to Senator Goeff Hansen as he brings to close his distinguished service to this legislative body. His sensible approach to lawmaking and his awareness of the needs of Michigan residents have been deeply appreciated; and

Whereas, Senator Hansen started working in his family's grocery business over 30 years ago. He attended Hope College and West Shore Community College and has worked as an emergency medical technician and volunteer firefighter in his community for 20 years. Prior to his election to the Michigan Legislature, he served as the Hart Township supervisor and on the Bear Lake Village Council and Bear Lake Schools Facility Board. He has served his community as a member of several civic and community organizations and as a coach for numerous youth, middle school, and high school sports; and

Whereas, Senator Hansen brought to the Senate a deep well of legislative experience. He was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 2004, where he served six years prior to his election to the Senate. In recognition of his leadership abilities, he was elected to serve as the Assistant President Pro Tempore in his first term and currently serves as Assistant Majority Leader. During his eight years in the Senate, he served as chair of the Outdoor Recreation Committee and the Appropriations subcommittees on Transportation, Health and Human Services, and K-12, School Aid, Education. He has also served as the vice chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Government Operations, as a member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Capital Outlay and the standing committees on Agriculture, Economic Development, Insurance, and Transportation; and

Whereas, During his legislative tenure, Senator Hansen has advocated for legislation to protect the state's rich agricultural, natural resource, and hunting and fishing traditions. He has led the charge on significant public acts to provide quality health care and protections to nursing home patients; expand the promise zone education scholarship program; and support the state's agribusinesses. He worked particularly hard on crafting a bipartisan solution to restructure and stabilize the Detroit Public School system; now, therefore, be it

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