

Senator Meekhof offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 214.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Rick Jones.

Whereas, It is a great honor to congratulate Senator Rick Jones as he brings to a close his tenure in the Michigan Senate. Senator Jones has been a tireless and devoted advocate for the people of the Twenty-fourth District and the entire state of Michigan; and

Whereas, Senator Jones graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and then spent more than 30 years working in law enforcement. He started as a deputy in the Eaton County Sheriff's Office, working up to sergeant, lieutenant, and captain, before being elected sheriff in 2000. Four years later, he was elected to the first of three terms in the Michigan House of Representatives; and

Whereas, Senator Jones has been one of the most prolific lawmakers of his era, sponsoring more than 150 public acts during his time in the Legislature. While he has worked on nearly every major issue during that time, he has been a leader on issues related to criminal justice and the judiciary while in the Senate, chairing the Judiciary Committee for eight years. Senator Jones has also been the vice chair of the Redistricting Committee and the Regulatory Reform Committee and served on the Energy and Technology; Health Policy; Insurance; and Families, Seniors, and Human Services committees. He has also served in leadership as both the Majority Caucus Chair and Assistant Majority Caucus Chair; now, therefore, be it

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