

Senator Meekhof offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 221.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Mike Kowall.

Whereas, It is with great appreciation for his hard work and dedication to the Michigan Senate and the citizens of the Fifteenth District that we commend Senator Mike Kowall upon the completion of his service as a member of this chamber. In these eight years, his passion and commitment to improving the lives of Michiganders have benefited not only his constituents but the whole of our state's citizenry; and

Whereas, Mike Kowall joined the Senate in 2011, bringing with him a wealth of public service and private sector experience. An attendee of Oakland County Community College, Senator Kowall operates a family-owned business, Accurate Woodworking, Inc. Over the years, he has held numerous positions in White Lake Township, including as a member of the planning commission, site plan review committee, and as township supervisor, and is an active member of the community. In 1998, he was elected to the first of two terms in the Michigan House of Representatives; and

Whereas, Senator Kowall's tenure in the Michigan Senate has been well served by his business acumen, leadership, and tireless effort to make Michigan a better place to work and raise a family. Senator Kowall served on numerous committees, including as vice chair of the committees on Commerce, Transportation, and Oversight. As chair of the Committee on Economic Development, he advanced reforms that encouraged job growth and attracted businesses. Admired for his achievements and ability to maintain the highest principles in serving the people, he was chosen as Majority Floor Leader, a role he served with the utmost distinction from 2014 until his retirement from this body. The historical replica cannons installed on the Capitol lawn will be long-serving reminders of his dedication to this institution; now, therefore, be it

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