

MICHIGAN SENATE

Senate Resolution No. 180

Offered by Senators Shirkey, Ananich, Alexander, Barrett, Bayer, Bizon, Brinks, Bullock, Bumstead, Chang, Daley, Geiss, Hertel, Hollier, Horn, Huizenga, Irwin, Johnson, LaSata, Lauwers, MacDonald, McBroom, McCann, McMorrow, Moss, Nesbitt, Outman, Polehanki, Runestad, Santana, Schmidt, Stamas, Theis, VanderWall, Victory, Wojno, Wozniak, Zorn and Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist II

A RESOLUTION OF TRIBUTE FOR THE HONORABLE TOM BARRETT

WHEREAS, It is with gratitude that we recognize Senator Tom Barrett for his work on behalf of the citizens of Michigan, and in particular, his constituents in the Twenty-fourth District. Throughout his tenure in the Senate, Senator Barrett's hard work has benefited not only the people of Clinton County, Eaton County, Ingham County, and Shiawassee County, but all of Michigan's citizens; and

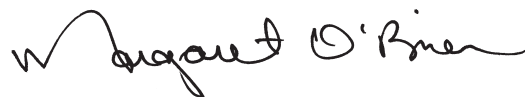
WHEREAS, Senator Barrett's personal experiences prior to taking office reflect a deep commitment to service. Born and raised in Michigan, he decided to join the armed forces immediately after high school graduation. For twenty-two years, Senator Barrett served his country as a member of the United States Army. His tours of duty included Iraq, Kuwait, Guantanamo Bay, and South Korea, and he is a veteran of both Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. He also served in the Michigan Army National Guard as a Blackhawk and Lakota helicopter pilot until he retired from the military in 2022 with the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 2. After obtaining a bachelor's degree in political science from Western Michigan University, Senator Barrett continued to prove his dedication to public service through his work as an analyst with the Michigan Department of Treasury. Senator Barrett is active in many community groups and is a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Prior to his time in the Senate, Senator Barrett was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives where he served constituents from the Seventy-first District from 2015 to 2018. Senator Barrett is also the dedicated husband to his wife, Ashley, and proud father to his four children, Patrick, Eleanora, Gwendolyn, and Louis; and

WHEREAS, Since his election to the Senate in 2018, Senator Barrett drew on his personal experiences to become a zealous advocate for the hardworking people in the Twenty-fourth District, and a voice for veterans throughout the state. He fought for whistleblower protections for state employees and was instrumental in the passing of legislation to help bridge the communications gap between law enforcement and drivers with autism. Senator Barrett also fought to introduce legislation that prevents homeowners from being charged higher property taxes due to home solar investments. He served with distinction as the chair of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and of the Appropriations subcommittees on Military and Veterans Affairs/State Police, and Justice and Public Safety. Additionally, Senator Barrett served honorably as the vice chair of the Families, Seniors and Veterans Committee, as well as a member of the Senate committees on Energy and Technology, Insurance and Banking, Judiciary and Public Safety, and Appropriations Subcommittee on Community Health/Human Services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That we offer this expression of tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Tom Barrett 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 Tom Barrett as evidence of our appreciation and best wishes as he leaves this legislative body.

Adopted by the Senate, November 29, 2022.



Secretary of the Senate