

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.185

Senators Shirkey and Ananich offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Curtis Hertel, Jr.

2 Whereas, It is with distinct pleasure that we recognize
3 Senator Curtis Hertel, Jr. During his time in this legislative
4 body, he has faithfully and honorably served his constituents in
5 the Twenty-third District which includes many communities in Ingham
6 County as well as the residents of Michigan; and

7 Whereas, Senator Curtis Hertel, Jr. was born and raised in
8 Michigan. As the son of the late Curtis Hertel, Sr., who was the
9 co-speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives and served
10 eighteen years in the Michigan Legislature, Senator Hertel grew up
11 with a passion for public policy. He is a proud graduate of
12 Michigan State University's James Madison College, where he earned
13 a bachelor's degree in social relations. Senator Hertel grew up

1 surrounded by the tradition of public service with multiple family
2 members having served in the Legislature; it was a natural path for
3 him to also serve the residents of our great state. Past roles have
4 laid the foundation for his legislative career. He worked for the
5 Michigan House Democratic Caucus and worked as a policy analyst and
6 legislative liaison with the Michigan Department of Community
7 Health. He served on the Ingham County Board of Commissioners from
8 2001 to 2008 and served as the Ingham County Register of Deeds from
9 2009 to 2014. As an Ingham County Commissioner, he championed a
10 living wage ordinance and the Ingham County Health Plan, the latter
11 becoming a model across the country. Senator Hertel and his wife,
12 Elizabeth, are proud parents to their four children: CJ, Nathan,
13 Lee, and Jack; and

14 Whereas, Senator Hertel was first elected to the Michigan
15 Senate in 2014. During his time, he was greatly passionate about
16 his legislative duties and priorities. He served as a member of the
17 committees on Banking and Financial Institutions, Health Policy,
18 Administrative Rules, Regulatory Reform, Health Policy and Human
19 Services, and the appropriations subcommittees on Capital Outlay,
20 and Universities and Community Colleges. Additionally, he served as
21 minority vice chair of the committees on Commerce, Banking and
22 Financial Institutions, Health Policy, Advice and Consent,
23 Appropriations, the Appropriations Subcommittee on Health/Human
24 Services, Higher Education, and the Appropriations Subcommittee on
25 Labor and Economic Opportunity/MEDC. Senator Hertel has worked
26 tirelessly on legislation to expand access to health care, reduce
27 the occurrence of sexual assault on college campuses, ensure
28 sustainable funding for indigent hospice, and protect all
29 vulnerable Michiganders from predatory lending. Moreover, he

1 successfully partnered with his brother, Representative Kevin
2 Hertel, to establish Wyatt's Law, a Central Registry for Child
3 Abuse and Neglect and worked across the aisle on a sports gaming
4 package ensuring sustainable funding for the First Responders
5 Presumed Coverage Fund; now, therefore, be it

6 Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this resolution of
7 tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Curtis Hertel, Jr. for
8 his notable contributions to this legislative body and to our
9 state; and be it further

10 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
11 Senator Hertel as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes for
12 success in the future.