

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 469.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Mike Shirkey.

Whereas, It is most appropriate to recognize the service of Representative Mike Shirkey to the Sixty-fifth District and the entire state as he leaves the Michigan House of Representatives. Over the past four years, he has tirelessly addressed the issues that are most important to the future of our state; and

Whereas, Mike Shirkey earned a bachelor's degree from the General Motors Institute and a Master of Science in mechanical engineering from the University of Wisconsin. After working as an engineer and manager at General Motors for thirteen years, he started his own company, Orbitform. The experiences he gained while turning Orbitform into a world-class prototype engineering company stirred a desire in him to affect a change in public policy. He served on the Columbia Central School Board and chaired the board of the Allegiance Health System; and

Whereas, Upon his election to the Michigan House of Representatives in 2010, Mike Shirkey brought his analytical and leadership skills to Lansing. Recognizing his ability to ask probing questions and separate fact from fiction, he was appointed to serve on important policy committees, such as the Energy and Technology Committee and the Health Policy Committee. He was also appointed chair of the Michigan Competitiveness Committee. Representative Shirkey has authored new laws in the areas of campaign finance, natural resources, tax, public utilities, and children; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our gratitude to the Honorable Mike Shirkey as he says good-bye to this legislative body; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Shirkey as evidence of our esteem and best wishes.