

Senator Bishop offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 194.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Ron Jelinek.

Whereas, It is with gratitude and appreciation that we recognize and commend the longstanding service of Ron Jelinek to the state of Michigan. He has served the state tirelessly and admirably as a lawmaker for 14 years. His colleagues will always remember his integrity, honesty, and fairness as he worked to strengthen Michigan and the legislative process; and

Whereas, Hailing from Three Oaks, Ron Jelinek earned his bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and his master's degree from Western Michigan University. As a teacher and farmer, he has taken on two of the tasks of greatest importance to our state. Those who have benefited from his mentorship include his three children, the children in the Berrien County River Valley School District, and young adults interested in agriculture and science. He has been an advisor to the Future Farmers of America, a 4-H leader, and the President of the Region of Three Oaks Museum Board. After his election to the Michigan House of Representatives in 1996, Mr. Jelinek brought his mentorship and work ethic to the Michigan Legislature; and

Whereas, In his 14 years of service to the residents of his area and our entire state, Senator Jelinek earned a reputation as a fair-minded legislator who could solve difficult problems. It was with this in mind that he was appointed to work on the state's budget and served as the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee from 2007 to 2010. Senator Jelinek's numerous legislative accomplishments include balancing the 2011 budget with no tax or fee increases, sponsoring and passing bills to protect private property owners, championing funding for early childhood programs and public schools, providing college scholarships in the 21st Senate District, and helping craft legislation to protect the health of all Michigan residents by making the state smoke-free; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of our appreciation and respect for Senator Ron Jelinek as he brings to a close his distinguished 14 years of service to the people of this state as a legislator; and be it further

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