

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

House Resolution No. 343.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Judson Gilbert II.

Whereas, It is with great respect and gratitude for his service to the Eighty-first District that we honor Jud Gilbert as he brings to a close his tenure with the Michigan Legislature. Over the course of his distinguished legislative career, he has exerted a strong positive impact on his constituents and the entire state; and

Whereas, A graduate of Algonac High School, St. Clair Community College, and Wayne State University, Jud Gilbert was a funeral director and business and community leader in St. Clair County. In 1998, following his election to the Michigan House of Representatives, he brought his insights and energies to Lansing. In his initial four years in the House and eight years in the Senate, he helped shaped public policy in many issue areas. He took leadership roles on issues affecting St. Clair County, including presiding over hearings regarding a proposed new international bridge crossing the Detroit River; and

Whereas, Jud Gilbert was elected again to the Michigan House of Representatives in 2010. During his final legislative term, Representative Gilbert worked diligently to reform Michigan's tax structure. As chair of the Tax Policy Committee and author of Michigan's new corporate income tax law, Representative Gilbert has made a lasting positive impact on business growth and economic development in the state. In recognition of his accomplishments, Representative Gilbert was presented with the Silver Plow Award from the Michigan Farm Bureau; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our respect and admiration to the Honorable Jud Gilbert as he completes his excellent service to the people of Michigan through this legislative body; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Gilbert as a testament of our deep appreciation and esteem.