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

House Resolution No. 344.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Richard Hammel.

Whereas, We are pleased to pay tribute to the Honorable Richard Hammel for his outstanding record of public service and for the commitment that he displayed for the residents of his district and for the citizens of this entire state. As he concludes his final term in the House of Representatives, let us commend him for his significant leadership contributions as House minority leader and advocate for effectiveness in the legislative process; and

Whereas, A graduate from the University of Michigan Flint and a retired skilled tradesman pipefitter, his interest in public service lead him to nine years as a Genesee County commissioner, and four years as a Mount Morris Township trustee. In addition to his duties as House minority leader, Representative Hammel also served on the House Fiscal Agency Governing Board; and

Whereas, Indeed, his leadership and a host of legislative enactments have made a long-term contribution to Michigan in the areas of economic and industrial development, and the regulatory environment. Representative Hammel's effectiveness as a legislator has had a positive impact on life in the Forty-eighth House District, and his leadership will truly be missed; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of gratitude to commend and thank the Honorable Richard Hammel for his outstanding commitment to the people of the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Hammel as evidence of our esteem and well wishes for the future.