

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

House Resolution No. 359.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Roy Schmidt.

Whereas, The members of this legislative body wish to thank and commend Representative Roy Schmidt as he completes four years of service to the citizens of Grand Rapids residing in the Seventy-sixth District. During his service in this body, Representative Schmidt has worked to protect health-care consumers and businesses subjected to forced downsizing; and

Whereas, As a life-long resident of Grand Rapids, Roy Schmidt has always focused on strengthening community and neighborhoods. He was active in his lower west side community and joined the West Grand Neighborhood Organization as a board member, eventually serving as president. Roy served four consecutive terms on the Grand Rapids City Commission and was elected president by his commission peers six times; and

Whereas, After first winning election to this body in 2008, Representative Schmidt served on several committees addressing numerous issues ranging from business, energy, financial services, health, homeland security, insurance, transportation, and veterans affairs. Legislation he introduced and enacted by this body reduced the number of district judges in the face of falling caseloads, modified informed consent for health procedures, clarified the state's authority to pursue unlicensed health practitioners, and protected auto dealers in the face of industry downsizing; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we thank and commend Representative Roy Schmidt for his service in this legislative body; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Roy Schmidt as evidence of our best wishes for his future endeavors.