

Senator Richardville offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 183.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable John J. Gleason.

Whereas, The members of this legislative body are honored to commend and thank Senator John Gleason for his dedicated service to the people of Genesee County and the entire state. For the last ten years, Senator Gleason has been a strong advocate in the Michigan Legislature for the working men and women of Michigan and the disabled; and

Whereas, A lifelong resident of Genesee County and a proud Irish-American, John Gleason brought to the Legislature a wealth of experience. Prior to his election, he had attended Mott Community College and Northern Michigan University and worked for thirty years as a skilled trade millwright. He also served for eight years as a Genesee County commissioner, advocating for working families and government fiscal responsibility. In 2002, he was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives. After four years serving in the House, he was elected to the Michigan Senate; and

Whereas, Throughout his legislative career, Senator Gleason has worked hard to make Michigan a better place. During his Senate tenure, he has served as minority vice chair on committees dealing with agricultural, outdoor recreation, tourism, transportation, and local government issues, as well as Associate President pro tempore. Among his notable legislative achievements, he has been a champion for organ donations, sponsoring Michigan's "First Person Consent" law and receiving the Medal of Honor from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in recognition of his efforts. He also started the legislative Disability Caucus in 2003 and sponsored many bills to improve the quality of life for disabled people; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we extend our appreciation and thanks to the Honorable John J. Gleason as he completes his service to this legislative body; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Senator Gleason as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes for his future endeavors.