

Senator Hune offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 212.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Michael J. Rogers.

Whereas, The members of this legislative body are honored to commend and thank Congressman Michael J. Rogers of Brighton for his dedicated service to the people of the state of Michigan and the United States of America. For 14 years, Congressman Rogers faithfully represented the hardworking families of Michigan in the United States House of Representatives; and

Whereas, Michael J. Rogers was born on June 2, 1963, to John and Joyce Rogers in Livonia, Michigan. He grew up in Livingston County with his brother Bill and attended Howell High School. He competed for the Highlanders in football and threw discus and shot put on the track and field team. He graduated in 1981; and

Whereas, Mike Rogers continued his academic studies at Adrian College, graduating in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in sociology and criminal justice. Upon graduation, he was a commissioned officer in the United States Army. He accomplished this through his training as part of the Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Michigan. In the Army, he served as the company commander for a rapid deployment unit; and

Whereas, In 1989, Congressman Rogers became a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. As an agent in the Bureau's Chicago office, he investigated organized crime and public corruption; and

Whereas, In 1994, he was elected to the Michigan Senate, representing Clinton, Shiawassee, and Livingston Counties. He was re-elected in 1998, and for two years, he served as the Majority Floor Leader of this body. In 1999, he authored legislation to create the Michigan Education Savings Plan to help parents save money for the college education of their children; and

Whereas, In 2000, Congressman Rogers was elected to the United States House of Representatives to represent Michigan's Eighth Congressional District. He has won seven terms to the House and has numerous legislative accomplishments. In 2006, President George W. Bush signed into law Respect for America's Fallen Heroes Act, sponsored by Congressman Rogers to protect the mourning families of fallen military service members; and

Whereas, Continuing his lifelong efforts in service to the security of the United States, Congressman Rogers employed his experiences and talents as chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. As chairman, he has overseen the budget for vital security agencies and provided critical support for the men and women working in the clandestine services of

the United States. His expertise and guidance has kept the country safe. He has been an exemplary public servant for the people of Michigan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we extend our appreciation and thanks to the Honorable Michael J. Rogers as he completes his service in the United States House of Representatives; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Congressman Michael J. Rogers, his wife Kristi, and his children, Erin and Jonathan, as evidence of our highest esteem and admiration for his tireless work and countless contributions for the betterment of the state of Michigan.