

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

House Resolution No. 403.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable David E. Rutledge.

Whereas, We are pleased to recognize and thank Representative David Rutledge, a devoted member of this body. He is a thoughtful legislator and tireless public servant who has benefited the Legislature, the Fifty-fourth District, and the entire state of Michigan; and

Whereas, David Rutledge earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Tennessee State University and studied law at both Harvard University and the University of Michigan. He served in the U.S. Air Force, attaining the rank of captain, and is now the president of an environmental services company. Public and community service has been a fixture of his career as well, as he has been a Superior Township supervisor, Washtenaw County road commissioner, Washtenaw Community College trustee, Ann Arbor Community Foundation board member, and State Boundary Commission member, among many other positions; and

Whereas, As a legislator, Representative Rutledge brought knowledge, sincerity, and passion to this body since first being elected in 2010. He served on a diverse array of committees over his three terms of office, including the committees on Education; Local, Intergovernmental, and Regional Affairs; Local Government; Regulatory Reform; Transportation and Infrastructure; and Military and Veterans Affairs. He served in leadership posts in multiple committees and within this chamber, providing an excellent example for other legislators; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer heartfelt gratitude to the Honorable David E. Rutledge for his dedication to the Legislature and efforts to better the lives of all Michiganders; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Rutledge as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes for his future endeavors.