

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

House Resolution No. 406.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Ken Yonker.

Whereas, It is with gratitude that we thank Representative Ken Yonker for his service to this state as he concludes his tenure in the Michigan House of Representatives. His dedicated work on behalf of his constituents in the Seventy-second District over the past six years has been greatly appreciated; and

Whereas, Ken Yonker brought to the Legislature a tremendous wealth of knowledge and business experience along with a commitment to public service. A graduate of Michigan State University, he served as a manager at one of west Michigan's largest construction companies before establishing his own business in Caledonia, Yonker's Landscaping Inc. In addition to his mission work with Wycliffe Bible Translators, Ken Yonker served his community in a number of capacities, including as trustee and president of his local industry board and as a member of the Caledonia Schools Board of Education for nearly a decade; and

Whereas, Elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 2010, Representative Yonker has for six years shown his commitment to improving the state. He has served on numerous committees, including as the vice chair of Michigan Competitiveness and as a member of Education, Health Policy, Regulatory Reform, Tax Policy, and Transportation and Infrastructure. During his tenure in the Legislature, he worked on a wide array of issues including incentivizing economic development, tort reform, and allowing direct shipment of wine to consumers. Representative Yonker's voice in this chamber will be missed; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Ken Yonker for his service and contributions to this legislative body; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Yonker as evidence of our esteem and best wishes.