

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.174

Senators Shirkey and Ananich offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Curtis S.
2 VanderWall.

3 Whereas, It is with gratitude that we honor Senator Curtis S.
4 VanderWall for his work on behalf of the citizens of Michigan and,
5 in particular, his constituents in the Thirty-Fifth District.
6 Throughout his tenure, Senator VanderWall's hard work has benefited
7 not only the people of the counties of Benzie, Crawford, Kalkaska,
8 Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Missaukee, Ogemaw, Osceola,
9 Roscommon, and Wexford, but all of Michigan's citizens; and

10 Whereas, Senator VanderWall attended Grand Rapids Community
11 College and spent 20 years in the grocery business, working his way
12 up to store director and supervisor of Eberhard Foods and Prevo's
13 Family Market. In 2003, Senator VanderWall purchased Turf Care Mole

1 Man, a lawn fertilization and weed control company that he co-owns
2 with his wife. Senator VanderWall has devoted his life to public
3 service; he served on the Mason County Commission including as
4 chair. Also, he has been active in many community organizations,
5 including Suds on the Shore, Women's Jericho House, United Way of
6 Mason County, and Whitetails Unlimited. He additionally is an avid
7 hunter and serves as a snowmobile safety instructor. Prior to being
8 elected a Senator, he served two years as a State Representative
9 representing the One Hundred First District. Senator VanderWall is
10 a devoted husband to his wife, Diane, and a loving father to his
11 three children, Nick, Alyssa, and Hunter; they are involved at
12 Covenant Christian School of Ludington, as well as active members
13 of Mason County Reformed Church; and

14 Whereas, Senator VanderWall was elected to the Senate in 2018.
15 His colleagues showed their respect for him when they elected him
16 Majority Caucus Chair. He served with distinction as chair of the
17 Health Policy and Human Services Committee and vice chair of the
18 committees on Economic and Small Business Development and on
19 Judiciary and Public Safety. Senator VanderWall was also an active
20 member of the committees on Elections, Environmental Quality,
21 Finance, and Regulatory Reform. Throughout his tenure, Senator
22 VanderWall has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of the people
23 of this state by championing improvements in health care including
24 mental health. He successfully had legislation passed to improve
25 patient care and to improve mental health resources. As chair of
26 the Health Policy and Human Services Committee, he shepherded
27 legislation to make prescription medicine more affordable and to
28 expand access to health care; now, therefore, be it

29 Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of

1 tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Curtis S. VanderWall for
2 his notable contributions to this legislative body and to our
3 state; and be it further

4 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
5 Senator VanderWall as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes.