

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

House Resolution No. 340.

A resolution of tribute to the Honorable William Van Regenmorter.

Whereas, It is an honor and a true privilege to salute the Honorable William Van Regenmorter as he brings to a close nearly a quarter century of service on behalf of the Michigan Legislature and the people of the Great Lake State. As a highly effective lawmaker, committee chair, and legislative leader, William Van Regenmorter has had a positive and enduring impact on public policy in this state. Indeed, as an early advocate of environmental protection, leader in drunk driving reform, and, above all, as a champion of crime victim's rights, his good works have touched us all. There could be no finer testament to his dedication and effectiveness; and

Whereas, William Van Regenmorter has developed a lasting reputation as a hard-working, conscientious, and productive legislator. Moreover, in an era of term limits, his many legislative accomplishments may never again be equaled. He was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1982. He was a member in this legislative body until his 1990 election to the Senate, where he served three consecutive terms before returning to the House in 2003. He has been selected to serve in a host of leadership positions, but he has, perhaps, become best known for his work as the chair of the Judiciary Committee; and

Whereas, Clearly, William Van Regenmorter's legacy will always be linked to his many successful efforts on behalf of the victims of crime. The William Van Regenmorter Crime Victim's Rights Act was one of his early legislative accomplishments, and today this measure continues to stand as a testimony to his abiding concern for others; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That a unanimous accolade of tribute be extended to the Honorable William Van Regenmorter as he brings to a close his career with the Michigan House of Representatives; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Van Regenmorter as evidence of our esteem.