

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

House Resolution No. 344.

A resolution for the Honorable Jerry O. Kooiman.

Whereas, We take great pleasure in offering this expression of thanks to Jerry Kooiman as he completes his final term in the Michigan House of Representatives. Representative Kooiman's hard work, integrity, and leadership have been an exceptional service to the state of Michigan and the people of Grand Rapids; and

Whereas, Jerry Kooiman's tenure in the Michigan House of Representatives has been the latest expression of his lifelong commitment to public service. Prior to his time in the House, he served six years as a member of the Kent County Board of Commissioners. In addition, Representative Kooiman has been an active member of his community, serving as an elder, deacon, and Sunday school teacher at his church and local Habitat for Humanity coordinator. In addition, he has worked on multiple commissions related to planning and development in Grand Rapids; and

Whereas, His experience and skill have served Representative Kooiman well as a legislator and leader in the House. In addition to his responsibilities with the Appropriations Committee and co-chair of the Welfare Reform Task Force, he has served with distinction as Speaker Pro Tempore during the Ninety-third Legislature; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Jerry O. Kooiman for his notable contributions to this legislative body and to our entire state; and be it further

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