

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

House Resolution No. 496.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable David Palsrok.

Whereas, It is with great respect and gratitude for his service to the people of the One-hundred-first District, as well as the entire state, that we honor Representative David Palsrok as he ends his legislative tenure in this legislative body. His commitment to Michigan's natural resources and his dedicated work on energy issues have been of immeasurable benefit to the state and to the efforts of the legislature over the past 6 years; and

Whereas, David Palsrok graduated from Manistee High School in 1987 and went on to earn a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Michigan State University. Prior to his election as a state representative in 2002, he served as the director of public policy for the Michigan Association of Realtors. He also served on the Michigan United Conservation Clubs board of directors and founded Connect Michigan, a telecommunications advocacy group dedicated to more competition and investment in Michigan. David Palsrok's public service began in 1993 as a legislative aid for House Republican Floor Leader Dan Gustafson and later he served as the chief of staff to Senate Assistant Majority Leader Michael Bouchard; and

Whereas, In his freshman term, Representative Palsrok was appointed the chair of the Great Lakes and Tourism Committee, a committee of immense importance to the Great Lakes State. In recognition of his leadership abilities and expertise on natural resource issues, he was appointed chair of the Natural Resources, Great Lakes, Land Use, and Environment Committee during the Ninety-third Legislature. Representative Palsrok served on the Energy and Technology Committee for all 6 years of his tenure. He worked tirelessly on energy issues and was instrumental in passing legislation to increase the amount of renewable energy generated in the state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of thanks and admiration to the Honorable David Palsrok as he brings to a close his tenure for the Michigan Legislature; and be it further

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