

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

House Resolution No. 444.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Douglas A. Geiss.

Whereas, It is with gratitude that we thank Representative Douglas Geiss for his service to the state as he retires from the House of Representatives. His dedicated work on behalf of his constituents over the past six years has been impactful and greatly appreciated; and

Whereas, Douglas Geiss, a lifelong resident of Taylor and top graduate from Harry S. Truman High School, earned a bachelor's degree in engineering and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan. Afterwards, while working for the Ford Motor Company, he advanced quickly and gained an appreciation for the skills needed to succeed in today's economy. Wanting to make positive contributions to his community, Douglas Geiss served on the Taylor City Council for eight years, during which time he helped balance the budget without raising taxes and implemented an ethics ordinance for employees and elected officials. In 2008, while serving as city council chairman, he was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives; and

Whereas, Representative Geiss brought his attention to detail and his passion for helping others to Lansing during his tenure in the House of Representatives from 2009 through 2014. He helped shaped public policy in several committees, including Agriculture, Education, and Insurance, and as the vice-chair for the Transportation and the Energy and Technology committees. His concern for job creation and making communities better places to live contributed to the enactment of the Next Michigan Development Act and to his being awarded the 2010 Michigan Legislator of the Year by the Michigan Municipal League; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we commend and thank Representative Douglas A. Geiss as he concludes his service in the Michigan House of Representatives; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Geiss as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes.