MICHIGAN SENATE

Senate Resolution No. 174

Offered by Senators Shirkey, Ananich, Alexander, Barrett, Bayer, Bizon, Brinks, Bullock, Bumstead, Chang, Daley, Geiss, Hertel, Hollier, Horn, Huizenga, Irwin, Johnson, LaSata, Lauwers, MacDonald, McBroom, McCann, McMorrow, Moss, Nesbitt, Outman, Polehanki, Runestad, Santana, Schmidt, Stamas, Theis, VanderWall, Victory, Wojno, Wozniak, Zorn and Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist II

A RESOLUTION OF TRIBUTE FOR THE HONORABLE CURTIS S. VANDERWALL

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

WHEREAS, Senator VanderWall attended Grand Rapids Community College and spent 20 years in the grocery business, working his way up to store director and supervisor of Eberhard Foods and Prevo's Family Market. In 2003, Senator VanderWall purchased Turf Care Mole Man, a lawn fertilization and weed control company that he co-owns with his wife. Senator VanderWall has devoted his life to public service; he served on the Mason County Commission including as chair. Also, he has been active in many community organizations, including Suds on the Shore, Women's Jericho House, United Way of Mason County, and Whitetails Unlimited. He additionally is an avid hunter and serves as a snowmobile safety instructor. Prior to being elected a Senator, he served two years as a State Representative representing the One Hundred First District. Senator VanderWall is a devoted husband to his wife, Diane, and a loving father to his three children, Nick, Alyssa, and Hunter; they are involved at Covenant Christian School of Ludington, as well as active members of Mason County Reformed Church; and

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

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That we offer this expression of tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Curtis S. VanderWall for his notable contributions to this legislative body and to our state; and be it further

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

Adopted by the Senate, November 29, 2022.

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