

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 365

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

1       A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Thomas Albert.

2       Whereas, It is with gratitude that we honor Representative  
3 Thomas Albert as his time representing the Eighty-sixth District in  
4 the Michigan House of Representatives comes to a close. He has  
5 shown great leadership and dedication not only to his constituents  
6 in Kent and Ionia counties, but to all of Michigan's citizens; and

7       Whereas, Representative Albert grew up in Kent County as the  
8 proud son of a teacher and social worker and is the youngest  
9 brother to four law enforcement officers. He earned a bachelor's  
10 degree in political science and history from the University of  
11 Michigan and a master's degree in finance from Michigan State  
12 University. He served as a logistics officer in the United States

1 Marine Corps from 2007 to 2010, deploying to Iraq in 2009 as a  
2 military advisor and, upon his return, serving as a reservist until  
3 2013. Having obtained his chartered alternative investment analyst  
4 certification, Representative Albert worked as an investor for the  
5 State of Michigan Retirement Systems until his election to the  
6 Michigan House of Representatives in 2016. He and his wife, Erica,  
7 are raising their five children, Owen, Mary, Jack, Margaret, and  
8 Lucia, together in Lowell; and

9       Whereas, Representative Albert's experience as a logistician  
10 and investment advisor was immediately leveraged upon his arrival  
11 in Lansing. He served as the chair of the Financial Liability  
12 Reform Committee and as a member on the Agriculture, Law and  
13 Justice, and Military and Veterans Affairs committees in his first  
14 term. In his second term he joined the Appropriations Committee and  
15 four of its subcommittees. He served as chair of the Corrections  
16 Subcommittee, and as a member of the Agriculture and Rural  
17 Development, Military and Veterans Affairs and State Police, and  
18 School Aid and Department of Education subcommittees. In his third  
19 term, Representative Albert was named chair of the Appropriations  
20 Committee, shepherding the entire budget through the appropriations  
21 process, playing a key role in most of the major budgetary issues  
22 our state faced during the term, and touching every corner of state  
23 government. As Appropriations Committee Chair, Representative  
24 Albert advocated for the legislature's role in the state's pandemic  
25 emergency response and recovery as well as championed a budget that  
26 supported adoption and crisis pregnancy centers while restricting  
27 state and federal funding for abortion providers and prohibiting  
28 medical research on aborted fetal tissue. He also chaired the House  
29 Fiscal Agency Board of Governors and was a member of the

1 Legislative Council. Throughout his tenure, he has been a champion  
2 for the financial health of Michigan government, with his proudest  
3 accomplishments being the reform of the Michigan Public School  
4 Employees' Retirement System, sponsoring legislation that ensures  
5 financial best practices and secured \$750 million in funding for  
6 municipal pension debt, investing in and reforming special  
7 education funding, and making carnival amusement rides safer for  
8 Michigan families; now, therefore, be it

9       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this  
10 expression of tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Thomas  
11 Albert for his notable contributions to this legislative body and  
12 to our state; and be it further

13       Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
14 Representative Albert as an expression of our gratitude and well  
15 wishes for the future.