

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 319

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 Dale Zorn.

2 Whereas, It is our great honor to recognize Representative
3 Dale Zorn as his tenure in the House of Representatives comes to an
4 end. In his 14 years of service in the Legislature, Representative
5 Zorn has done much to improve the lives of his constituents in
6 Monroe and Lenawee counties and to benefit the state as a whole;
7 and

8 Whereas, A lifelong Michigander, Representative Zorn has deep
9 roots in Monroe and Lenawee counties. He graduated from Ida High
10 School, then studied business and automotive technology at Monroe
11 County Community College, applying that knowledge in the family
12 business, Zorn's Service, Inc., an automotive service center

1 founded by his father that he runs with his brother, Dean. He also
2 co-founded the Christmas in Ida Festival and Parade of Lights.
3 Before coming to the Legislature, Representative Zorn amassed years
4 of public service experience at the local level. In Raisinville
5 Township, he served as a constable for four years and as a township
6 trustee for six years, after which he was elected as a Monroe
7 County commissioner for 20 years, serving as chair of that body for
8 four of those years; and

9 Whereas, Representative Zorn first joined this body in 2011,
10 representing the people of Monroe County in the Fifty-sixth
11 District. He served as Assistant Majority Whip in his first term
12 and was vice chair of the Committee on Military and Veterans
13 Affairs and Homeland Security and the Committee on Commerce; and

14 Whereas, After two terms in the House, Representative Zorn
15 sought election to the Senate, where he would also serve two terms.
16 In that chamber, he represented all of Monroe and Lenawee counties,
17 which comprised the Seventeenth District. For eight years, he
18 chaired the Committee on Local Government, and he also served as
19 vice chair of the Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism; and

20 Whereas, Returning to the House in 2023 as the Representative
21 of the Thirty-fourth District, Representative Zorn brought decades
22 of experience and an abundance of wisdom to his final two years in
23 the Legislature. He rose to become Dean of the Republican Caucus,
24 and he served as minority vice chair of the Committee on Local
25 Government and Municipal Finance, as well as a member of the
26 Committee on Education and the Subcommittee on Housing of the
27 Standing Committee on Economic Development and Small Business.
28 Representative Zorn used his time in the House to support military
29 families and improve healthcare in this state. He sponsored

1 legislation to establish the Purple Star Program and encourage
2 schools to offer greater supports to children in military families,
3 as well as bills to enter into the Physical Therapy Licensure
4 Compact and to require health insurers to cover hearing aids for
5 children; now, therefore, be it

6 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this
7 expression of tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Dale Zorn
8 for his notable contributions to this legislative body and to our
9 state; and be it further

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