

MICHIGAN SENATE

Senate Resolution No. 33

Offered by Senators Cherry, Geiss, McMorrow and Moss

A RESOLUTION TO COMMEMORATE RONALD OLSON UPON HIS
RETIREMENT FROM HIS ROLE AS THE CHIEF OF PARKS
AND RECREATION AT THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT
OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR)

WHEREAS, Ronald Olson has made outstanding contributions and shown unwavering dedication to the state, serving as a model to which we all should aspire; and

WHEREAS, He dedicated two decades of his career to the DNR, playing a pivotal role in enhancing Michigan's state parks, recreation system, and trail development. His relentless efforts led to the development and implementation of policies and programs that propelled Michigan's parks to national acclaim; and

WHEREAS, Under his leadership, initiatives focused on conservation, public engagement, and infrastructure improvements quickly transformed the state's natural spaces, establishing them as some of the best in the country; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Olson has been crucial in expanding Michigan's state parks and forging strong partnerships. His notable achievements include the development of Flint State Park with the Mott Foundation and the Menominee River State Recreation Area, Wisconsin's first collaborative park management effort. He also oversaw the management and revitalization of Belle Isle Park and played a key role in the Iron Belle Trail, which includes hiking and biking routes that expand from Detroit to the western tip of the Upper Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, He is recognized with multiple awards throughout his career with the DNR, including the Gold Medal Award from the National Recreation and Park Association. Ronald Olson has significantly contributed to Michigan's natural resources and recreational opportunities for all Michiganders; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the members of this legislative body commemorate Ronald Olson upon his retirement from his role as the Chief of Parks and Recreation at the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). May we honor Ronald Olson for his exceptional service and contributions to the state as well as his well-deserved retirement.

Adopted by the Senate, April 23, 2025.



Secretary of the Senate