

Senator Prusi offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 209.**

A resolution for the Honorable Michael Switalski.

Whereas, It is an honor and distinct privilege to extend this expression of tribute to Michael Switalski as he brings to a close his tenure with the Michigan Senate. Indeed, his public service contributions and dedication to his constituents in the 10th Senate District, as well as the entire state of Michigan, have earned him the respect of all whom he has served; and

Whereas, Michael Switalski has distinguished himself as a conscientious lawmaker with a willingness to work in a bipartisan way to accomplish public policy for the good of the citizens of this state. Whether in the economic realm, promoting better health, or through his efforts to bring balance and equity in providing school aid through the appropriations process during extremely difficult budgetary times, Senator Switalski maintained a focus on the good of the state. Moreover, his ardent support for fiscal responsibility is evidenced in his work to reform state spending through pay-as-you-go legislation; and

Whereas, A native of Roseville, Michigan, Senator Switalski returned to his home community to serve in a host of public offices after completing his education at Louisiana State University and later at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland. He was first elected to the Michigan Legislature as a member of the House after stints as Roseville city councilman, Macomb County commissioner, and as a Macomb County planning commissioner. In 2002, he was elected to the State Senate; and

Whereas, Senator Switalski brought valuable insight and pragmatism, as well as a finely-tuned sense of humor, to his role as a member of the Michigan Senate. His talents and rich experience will enable him to pursue his passions of writing and teaching. As an author, he has already published a book, entitled *Six*, about his grandfather. He has also helped to instill knowledge as an instructor to individuals incarcerated at the Ryan Correctional Facility in Detroit. We are confident of his success in future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby offer this expression of tribute to the Honorable Michael Switalski for his distinguished service as a member of the Michigan Senate; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Senator Switalski as evidence of our esteem and best wishes.