

SCR16, As Adopted by Senate, April 18, 2017

Senator Meekhof offered the following concurrent resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 16.

A concurrent resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for John D. Pridnia, former member of the House of Representatives and Senate.

Whereas, The members of this legislative body were saddened to learn of the passing of former Senator John Pridnia. A tenacious and hard-working advocate for his community and our state, Senator Pridnia's notable contributions will be long remembered and cherished; and

Whereas, Born and raised in Detroit, John Pridnia attended Macomb Community College and Wayne State University before moving to Hubbard Lake, where he and his wife, Lisa, raised three sons. In northeast Michigan, he amassed a wealth of experience running numerous businesses in the Harrisville area. He also served as president of the Harrisville Lions Club and was a member of the Harrisville City Council and the Tawas Area Rotary Club; and

Whereas, First elected to the House of Representatives in 1982, John Pridnia served four terms as state representative to the 106th House District before his election to the State Senate in 1990, serving a single term representing the Thirty-sixth Senate District. Whether as chair of the Senate Health Policy Committee or Assistant Senate Majority Leader, Senator Pridnia worked tirelessly to make positive contributions to our state's health care policies. The passion and attention to detail that defined his work ethic were evidenced in other issues as well, which ranged from the environment and outdoor recreation and tourism to economic development and taxation; and

Whereas, Retiring to Port Austin, John Pridnia continued to remain active in state and local politics and enjoyed the company of family and friends. His leadership was integral to creating the Port Austin Farmer's Market, traveling countless miles across the state to secure vendors for the summer affair. After years of planning, Senator Pridnia was also a driving force behind the Port Austin harbor revitalization. He was a mentor to business owners and a conscientious public servant, and his family may take a small measure of solace in knowing that his meritorious service to our state will not soon be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of John D. Pridnia, a member of the House of Representatives from 1983 to 1990 and the Senate from 1991 to 1994; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Pridnia family as evidence of our lasting esteem for his memory.