

Senator Nofs offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 68.

A resolution of tribute offered to honor Orjiakor Isiogu upon the completion of his term on the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC).

Whereas, It is a privilege to extend this expression of our thanks and appreciation to Orjiakor Isiogu for his longstanding commitment to public service and the regulation of public utilities; and

Whereas, Commissioner Isiogu distinguished himself as a judicious leader serving as chairman of the MPSC from the date of his appointment in 2007 through October 2011; and

Whereas, Commissioner Isiogu is an internationally-recognized expert in telecommunications and public utility regulation; and

Whereas, He has represented our state as a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), where he serves as chair of the Task Force on Federalism and Telecommunications, co-vice chair of the Committee on Telecommunications, as a member of the International Relations Committee, and served as a co-chair of the White House Smart Grid Working Group; and

Whereas, He has been an ambassador for our nation representing United States energy regulators at major international conferences in Europe and Africa; and

Whereas, Commissioner Isiogu serves as a member of the Federal Communications Commission Federal-State Joint Board on Jurisdictional Separations and on the Board of Directors of the Organization of MISO States; and

Whereas, Prior to his appointment to the MPSC, Commissioner Isiogu served the citizens of Michigan for nearly two decades as an assistant attorney general and as director of the Telecommunications Division of the MPSC; and

Whereas, During his public service, he represented the state, its agencies, and consumer interests in state and federal proceedings involving public utilities. Mr. Isiogu also managed the administration of the Michigan Children's Protection Registry Act and the Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act; and

Whereas, His commitment to serving others is evident through his leadership and voluntary service on numerous federal, state, and local initiatives; and

Whereas, Commissioner Isiogu's proactive vision, integrity, and intelligence have earned him recognition and our deepest appreciation; and

Whereas, We wish Commissioner Isiogu success and fulfillment in all future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor Orjiakor Isiogu upon the completion of his term on the Michigan Public Service Commission; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Orjiakor Isiogu as a token of our esteem.