

# STATE OF MICHIGAN



## SPECIAL TRIBUTE

To

### DETOUR REEF LIGHT PRESERVATION SOCIETY

**LET IT BE KNOWN** that it is with great pleasure we honor the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society for their hard work and success in restoring the DeTour Reef Light. This volunteer, non-profit organization has given numerous hours to preserving the lighthouse so that it may be enjoyed for generations to come. We are grateful to them and offer our best wishes for continued success.

For over six years, the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society has pursued all possible means of achieving their goal of preserving and restoring the lighthouse. The founders work relentlessly to increase membership and raise awareness in the community for their cause. Not only has the society received support from their community and financial donations from local businesses, they also have members from twenty-five other states. The preservation society has become a "poster-child" for Michigan lighthouse preservation groups due to their success as a strong, volunteer based organization. This success is based on the unfailing dedication and determination of the volunteers, as well as the loyal support of lighthouse preservation groups due to their success as a strong, volunteer based organization. This success is based on the unfailing dedication and determination of the volunteers, as well as the loyal support of lighthouse enthusiasts.

The DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society has high hopes for the future. They will continue to restore the lighthouse both inside and out as well as create an educational facility onshore for community use. Their ongoing mission to enhance public awareness of the history of the lighthouse and appreciation for our maritime heritage in the region will leave its mark on the people of DeTour Village and the light itself far into the future.

**IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE**, therefore, we give our deepest appreciation to the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society for working to preserve one of Michigan's important maritime landmarks. We commend everyone who has contributed to its success and thank them for the manner in which their members have strengthened the community.

Jason Allen, State Senator  
The Thirty-Seventh District

Scott Shackleton, State Representative  
The One Hundred-Seventh District

Jennifer Granholm  
Governor



The Ninety-Second Legislature  
At Lansing  
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