

SCR-56, As Adopted Sentate, September 14, 2006

Senator Scott offered the following concurrent resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 56.

A concurrent resolution of tribute to honor the memory of Jackie Vaughn III, former member of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant . . .

Matthew 25:23

Whereas, It is with deep respect for his long and dedicated life in public service that we honor the memory of Jackie Vaughn III of Detroit. Over the course of his 36 years of commitment as a lawmaker, this gentleman was a tireless voice for young people, civil rights, and justice in our state. We extend our condolences to the many people throughout Michigan who were touched by his life and work; and

Whereas, A veteran of service with the United States Navy, Jackie Vaughn earned his bachelor's degree from Hillsdale College and his master's degree at Oberlin College and studied in England at Oxford University. He came of age in the midst of our nation's civil rights struggles, and this fact and his belief in education influenced his entire public life and legislative career; and

Whereas, Jackie Vaughn came to Lansing in 1967 following his election to the first of his six terms in the House of Representatives. He was a consistent advocate for education and breaking down barriers in society. In 1979, he brought his talents and energies to the Michigan Senate, where he served until 2002; and

Whereas, Highlights of Senator Vaughn's long and distinguished tenure included his leadership in lowering the voting age to 18 and in the establishment of the holiday to mark the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Senator Vaughn, one of the state's longest-serving lawmakers, was also known for his singular attention to the people of his district and his long devotion to the Hartford Memorial Baptist Church and a host of civic, school, and community groups; 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 Jackie Vaughn III, former member of the Senate and the House of Representatives; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Senator Vaughn's family as evidence of the esteem that will long be held for his memory throughout Michigan.