

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 366.**

A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Lad S. Stacey, former member of the House of Representatives.

Whereas, It is with deep sadness that the members of this legislative body learned of the passing of former State Representative Lad S. Stacey. For twelve years, he served the people of northern Berrien County in the 44th House District. A man blessed with a great spirit and a tireless work ethic, he will be remembered for the positive impact he had on so many lives; and

Whereas, Lad Stacey served many roles over the course of his life and to each he brought the same energy and optimism. Born in South Dakota, he was a graduate of Berrien Springs High School and a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II. He married and raised five children in Berrien Springs. He owned and operated a successful resort for thirty years, while also finding time to serve in leadership positions with numerous community and professional organizations. He was a county commissioner, serving two years as chairman; a school board member, including seven years as chairman; and a justice of the peace for eight years. In 1978, he was elected to represent his community in the House of Representatives; and

Whereas, Lad Stacey spent twelve years in Lansing as a member of this legislative body. A strong supporter of Michigan's tourism industry, he was a leader on the Corporations and Finance Committee, serving as minority vice-chairman. Over the course of his legislative career, he was also an active member of many other committees dealing with a wide variety of issues, including taxation, natural resources, education, elections, and labor; and

Whereas, Lad Stacey left a legacy that will not soon be forgotten. He will be remembered as much for his jovial "top of the morning" greeting as his contributions to our community and state. Among other things, he was instrumental in ensuring improvements to US-31 in Berrien County and establishing the Berrien Springs school campus; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Lad S. Stacey, a member of this legislative body from 1979 to 1990; and be it further

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