

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

House Resolution No. 477.

A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for James E. Defebaugh, former member of the House of Representatives.

Whereas, It is with great sadness that we remember and honor one of this body's distinguished members. His service in this chamber, to his district, and all the people of this state will always be respectfully remembered; and

Whereas, Born in Chicago, James Defebaugh attended Harvard High School and earned his bachelor's degree from Knox College. He later served our nation in the Army Air Force. Prior to his election to the House of Representatives, Jim was an advertising consultant with the Campbell Ewald agency in Detroit, working primarily on the Chevrolet and Proctor & Gamble accounts; and

Whereas, Jim's public service career began when he chaired the Republican Party of Oakland County from 1968-70 and sat on the Oakland Community Health Services Board. Jim was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 1970 from the Sixty-fifth District, Birmingham and parts of Oakland County, and served 6 terms. During his tenure, he served as House Republican Whip and Assistant Floor Leader. He was also a member of the committees on Corporations and Finance, Elections, Retirement, House Policy, Mental Health (vice-chair) , and Conservation, Environment, and Recreation; and

Whereas, In addition to ably serving the residents of the Sixty-fifth District, Jim contributed his talents in serving all Michigan citizens as a member of the Michigan Bicentennial Commission, the Governor's Advisory Commission on the Regulation of Financial Institutions, and the Interstate Cooperation Commission. His commitment and dedication will not soon be forgotten; and

Whereas, Jim enjoyed civil war history, traveling with his wife, attending the annual Shakespeare Festival, and listening to music of the Big Band era. Jim leaves behind three children, 15 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of James E. Defebaugh, a member of this legislative body from 1971 to 1982; and be it further

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