

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

House Resolution No. 206.

A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Thaddeus C. Stopczynski, former member of the House of Representatives.

Whereas, The members of this legislative body were saddened to learn of the passing of former Representative Thaddeus "Ted" Stopczynski. An honorable public servant and family man, Ted will be remembered for his leadership, dedication, and strength of conviction; and

Whereas, Ted Stopczynski was born in Hamtramck and educated at St. Augustine High School and the Academy of the Detroit Police Department. He also attended the Chrysler Millwright Apprentice Program. He worked as a Detroit police officer for eleven years and later as the legislative liaison for the Michigan State Police for over twenty years. He also served on the Detroit Board of Education, including a term as Chairman of Region 6, Central Board; and

Whereas, Ted Stopczynski dedicated some of his best years to ably representing the people of the Eleventh District. He ran for and was elected to the first of his five terms in the House of Representatives in 1972. During his tenure in this legislative body, he lent his wealth of experience, insight, and leadership to the standing committees on Conservation, Drainage, Economic Development and Energy, Education, Judiciary, Liquor Control, and Public Safety. Moreover, he served as Chair of the Marine Affairs Committee as well as the House Committee on Social Services and Youth; and

Whereas, As we remember Ted Stopczynski's outstanding contribution to his community and this state, we recognize his foremost dedication to his loving and devoted family. We express our sincerest condolences to his wife of 58 years, his twelve children, thirty-three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. He and his family also extended their hand in friendship by sharing their home with eleven foreign exchange students who share their loss; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Thaddeus C. Stopczynski, a member of this legislative body from 1973 to 1982; and be it further

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