

Senator Sikkema offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 52.

A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for N. Lorraine Beebe, former member of the Michigan Senate.

Whereas, With the passing of Lorraine Beebe, Michigan and the cause of women's rights have lost a genuine pioneer and a leader who touched many lives. Her spirit of unselfishness, courage, and strength influenced many people in our state, who remember her and are most grateful for her service to others in several capacities; and

Whereas, Born in Kalamazoo, Lorraine Beebe earned her bachelor's degree at Western Michigan University and her master's degree in psychology at Wayne State University and engaged in graduate studies at the University of Michigan. A teacher and guidance counselor, she worked with young people in Dearborn schools and at Henry Ford Community College. She also was involved in numerous civic, political, and community groups. This concern for her community and its future led her to seek public office. With her election to the Michigan Senate in 1966, she became only the third woman in the state's history to serve in this chamber; and

Whereas, As a lawmaker, Lorraine Beebe fought for women's rights, reform in women's prisons, sex education, and tougher drunk driving legislation. In many ways, she was a person ahead of her time. Literally a lone voice as the only woman in the Senate at the time, Lorraine Beebe had a significant impact on subsequent generations of women seeking to build a stronger state. Clearly, she continues to be a source of inspiration in public service; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of our respect for the memory of N. Lorraine Beebe, who served this legislative body from 1967 to 1970; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to her family as evidence of our sincere condolences.