

Senator Scott offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 32.

A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Harold M. Ryan, former member of the Michigan Senate and the United States House of Representative and Wayne County Circuit Judge.

Whereas, With the passing of Harold M. Ryan, Michigan has lost a gentleman who compiled a most remarkable record of commitment to the people of this state. Over the course of six decades he devoted himself to the service of others, as a legislator in Lansing, as a congressman in Washington, and as a judge in Wayne County. Clearly, Harold Ryan exerted an impact on life in Michigan that will long be felt and appreciated; and

Whereas, A proud Irishman from Detroit's east side, Harold Ryan brought warmth and dedication to every task over the course of his accomplishment-filled life. He studied at what was then Michigan State College and earned his law degree from the University of Detroit. After working as an attorney for several years, he pursued his passion for the service of others through elective office. A member of the Michigan Senate from 1949 to 1962, he played a key role on many issues, including the funding for the Mackinac Bridge and making Michigan one of the first states to include photos on driver's licenses; and

Whereas, Harold Ryan served as a member of the United States House of Representatives during the Kennedy and Johnson administrations before returning to Michigan and the practice of law. In 1976, he was elected to the Wayne County Circuit Court bench, where he served with distinction until 1986. In reality, however, this tireless and talented gentleman never retired from the law or from his commitment to others. He served in private practice and heard cases as a visiting judge, in fact, until well into his nineties; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Harold M. Ryan, who served Michigan in the Michigan Senate, in Congress, and as a Wayne County Circuit Court Judge; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Ryan family as evidence of our sincerest condolences.