

SR-84, As Adopted by Senate, June 28, 2007

Senator Bishop offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 84.

A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Guy Vander Jagt, former member of the Michigan Senate and the United States House of Representatives.

Whereas, With the passing of Guy Vander Jagt, Michigan mourns the loss of a dedicated and effective public servant. The impact of his life of unselfishness and commitment to his home state is well established and shall long continue to provide an example of the highest standards of public service; and

Whereas, A native of Cadillac, Guy Vander Jagt earned bachelor's degrees at Hope College and the Yale University School of Divinity before turning his talents to the law with his studies and graduation from the University of Michigan Law School. From very early on, this eloquent public speaker drew acclaim for his oratorical skills, winning national competitions while at Hope College. That gift, honed by long years of experience and hard work, was to mark much of his career in elective office. Even President Reagan, the "Great Communicator," spoke highly of Mr. Vander Jagt's abilities as a speaker; and

Whereas, In 1964, after having worked in private practice in Grand Rapids, Guy Vander Jagt was elected to the Michigan Senate. His term at the State Capitol came as Michigan faced the unique challenges of implementing the newly-adopted Constitution of 1963. In November 1966, he was elected to Congress in a special election, which began a distinguished tenure in the House of Representatives that spanned 26 years of leadership and service. In Congress, he was a strong advocate for Michigan and a man who brought great personal integrity to government during an era of notable changes in our country. It was a measure of the respect his hard work garnered that he was considered for his party's nomination for the vice presidency in 1980; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Guy Vander Jagt, a former member of the Michigan Senate who served the people of Michigan for 26 years in Congress; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Vander Jagt family as evidence of the lasting esteem that will be held for his memory by the people of Michigan.