

Speaker Dillon offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 232.

A resolution honoring the life of Allan J. Short.

Whereas, Al Short was a lifelong educator, and a champion of public education and public education employees. In his early life, Al volunteered for the Peace Corps. He also taught at Reading Public Schools and Vandercook Lake Public Schools. While teaching at Vandercook Lake Public Schools, Al was president of the Vandercook Lake Education Association and Jackson County Education Association; and

Whereas, Al joined the Michigan Education Association (MEA) in 1971 and spent the majority of his working life as a legislative representative of the MEA in the Michigan Capitol. At the Capitol, he became well-known as a knowledgeable, passionate advocate who possessed vision and integrity. He was an expert on educational policy issues, school finance and tax policy; and

Whereas, Respected for this knowledge and for his integrity, he was called upon by leaders of both political parties for information and advice. His commitment to bi-partisan political activity was best exemplified by his involvement and leadership in the Michigan Political Leadership Program. This is a nationally respected educational program for political leaders of all persuasions; and

Whereas, Although he may have led different beliefs from certain groups or individuals, Al never had a harsh or derogatory word to say about those with whom he disagreed. He was consistently kind and considerate which earned Al admiration from friends and colleagues alike; and

Whereas, He is survived by his wife, Patricia; two step-sons, Joe and Jay; one step-daughter, Julie; seven grandchildren, Megan, Macy, Claire, Kevin, Jacob, Hannah and Sarah; three brothers, Joe, Tim, Ned and a sister, Mary Ann Yoder; a step-mother Mary Short and two step-sisters: Elaine Rupp and Carol Beck; three aunts Zelma Kauffman, Grace Eicher, Geneva Shetler and uncles Paul, Harold, Duane Stamm as well as several nieces and nephews; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body honor the life of Allan J. Short, a lifelong champion of public education; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Short family as evidence of our esteem.