

Senator Richardville offered the following concurrent resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 31.

A concurrent resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Joseph F. Young, Jr., former member of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Whereas, The members of the Michigan Legislature were saddened to learn of the passing of Joe Young, Jr. For 24 years, he dedicated his life to helping the people of Detroit as their State Representative and State Senator. His warmth of heart and positive approach to policy-making will not soon be forgotten; and

Whereas, After his graduation from Michigan State University, Joe Young, Jr., entered the family business of public service. He began his career as a legislative staffer working for former House Speaker William Ryan, former Representative Alma Stallworth, and Congressman Dale Kildee. Following in the footsteps of his father, he was elected to the House of Representatives in 1978. He would spend the next 24 years serving the people of the Detroit area in the Michigan House of Representatives and Senate. For ten of those years, he served alongside his father, the first African-American father and son to serve together in the Michigan Legislature; and

Whereas, A conscientious lawmaker who took his efforts to help others seriously, Joe Young, Jr., was a strong advocate for children, worked tirelessly to help those in his district and the state, and was a trustworthy colleague. Constantly striving to become a better public servant, he attended Cooley Law School and earned a master's degree in public administration from Western Michigan University while serving in the Legislature. Following his legislative service, he continued to demonstrate his passion for helping others as an active member of his church and as a weekend supervisor for his local school district's recreation department; and

Whereas, Joe Young, Jr., left a lasting legacy with his work inside and outside the Legislature. He is survived by his four children, Kimberly Young, Kerry Marchand, Joseph F. Young III, and Brooke Young; and seven grandchildren, Dejah Young, Adam Eason, Jr., Julian Young, Kyara Marchand, Kennadie Marchand, Anthony Kyles III, and Kailey Kyles; who should all take great pride in the accomplishments of his life; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Joseph F. Young, Jr., a member of the House of Representatives from 1979 to 1994 and a member of the Senate from 1995 to 2002; and be it further

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