

SCR37, As Adopted by Senate, December 11, 2012

Senator Richardville offered the following concurrent resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 37.

A concurrent resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Philip O. Mastin, 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 former State Senator and Representative Phil Mastin. A dedicated public servant, he will be remembered for his courage to stand by his convictions and make difficult decisions for the good of our state; and

Whereas, A graduate of Hazel Park High School, Phil Mastin would go on to a long and distinguished career in private and public service. For fifteen years, he worked as an automotive designer for Ford and General Motors. During the 1960s, he began his career in public service, serving as a Hazel Park city councilman, Oakland County supervisor and commissioner, and as a leader in the Oakland County Democratic Party. In 1970, he was elected to represent the 69th District in the Michigan House of Representatives. He returned to local government for a few years as Pontiac city manager and director of the Pontiac Downtown Development Authority, prior to his election to the State Senate in 1982; and

Whereas, Phil Mastin served for seven years in the Michigan Legislature as a State Representative and a State Senator. Building on his past experience in the auto industry and local government, he served on committees dealing with labor, local government, and tax issues. In his final term in the House, he sat on the Appropriations Committee. In the Senate, he was chair of the Labor Committee. His legislative career will always be noted for his resolve and ability to do what he felt was best for the state despite potential personal ramifications; and

Whereas, Phil Mastin enjoyed a successful career and life following his legislative service. The latter part of his career was marked by his efforts to improve the training and conditions for Michigan's workers as a consultant for the National Alliance of Business, a government relations manager for the UAW-GM Human Resources Center, a founding member of the Michigan Job Training Coordinating Council, and a trustee of the Michigan Quality of Work Life Council. He would also continue his work as a member of the boards of directors for the Michigan and National Mental Health Associations. Even in retirement, he remained actively engaged as a board member of the United Way of Michigan, president of his church golf league, and a member of his condominium association's advisory committee; 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 Philip O. Mastin, Jr., a member of the House of Representatives from 1971 to 1976 and a member of the Senate in 1982; and be it further

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