

SR-116, As Adopted by Senate, February 14, 2012

Senator Richardville offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 116.

A resolution offered as a memorial for Milton Zaagman, former member of the Michigan Senate.

Whereas, It is with deep respect for his dedication to the service of his community, our state, and our country that we mark the passing of Milton Zaagman. With his sense of responsibility, evident in both elective office and in his private life, this gentleman set a standard of citizenship that will long be remembered; and

Whereas, A native of Grand Rapids, Milton Zaagman, like so many of his generation, had his own ambitions put on hold as he served our country with the U.S. Navy during World War II. This unselfishness and devotion to duty were to mark his entire life. He studied at Calvin College, earned a degree in mortuary science from Wayne State University, and became involved with several civic groups in his hometown as he worked in the family business. He embarked upon elective office with three terms on the Kent County Board of Supervisors; and

Whereas, Milton Zaagman was first elected to the Michigan Senate in 1962, and he served continuously until 1974. During his legislative tenure, he contributed to the reshaping and modernization of state government and its institutions. Senator Zaagman served as the Legislature met the formidable challenges of implementing the new Michigan Constitution following its approval by voters in 1963. His business background and understanding of local government made him an effective lawmaker in addressing the needs of our state and his Grand Rapids district. The respect harbored for him by his colleagues was evident in his responsibilities as President pro tempore from 1971 to 1974 and his service in 1974 as the Senate Majority Leader. After his legislative tenure, he continued to share his expertise in public affairs with groups that included the Michigan Medical Society; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of tribute to honor the memory of Milton Zaagman, a member of this legislative body from 1963 to 1974; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Zaagman family as evidence of our condolences and the gratitude of our state for his unselfish public service.