

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.259

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership, offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Woodrow
2 Stanley, former member of the Michigan House of Representatives.

3 Whereas, It was with great sadness that the members of the
4 House of Representatives learned about the passing of Woodrow
5 Stanley. He will be remembered as a dedicated public servant who
6 was passionate about improving the lives of his constituents in the
7 Thirty-fourth District in the city of Flint and Genesee County; and

8 Whereas, Woodrow Stanley was born in Schlater, Mississippi, in
9 1950. He later moved to Flint, Michigan, where he spent the
10 majority of his life. He earned degrees from Mott Community College
11 and the University of Michigan-Flint, and completed additional
12 coursework towards a Master of Public Administration; and

1 Whereas, Woodrow Stanley's lengthy political career began in
2 1983, when he was appointed, and later reelected, to the Flint City
3 Council. In 1991, he was elected to the city's highest office and
4 served as Flint mayor for over a decade. In 2004, he was elected to
5 the Genesee County Board of Commissioners, where he completed two
6 terms. Throughout his career, he became a prominent leader in the
7 Michigan Democratic Party and other organizations, such as the
8 Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Association of Mayors, and
9 the National League of Cities. In 2009, after a landslide victory,
10 he began his first of three terms with the House of
11 Representatives; and

12 Whereas, during his time in the House, Representative Stanley
13 was dedicated to improving the economic and educational outcomes of
14 the residents in his district and the state of Michigan. He served
15 with distinction as a vice chair of the House committees on New
16 Economy and Quality of Life and Local, Intergovernmental, and
17 Regional Affairs. Additionally, he served as a member of the House
18 committees on Public Employee Health Care Reform; Regulatory
19 Reform; Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources; Urban
20 Policy; Banking and Financial Services; Redistricting and
21 Elections; and Local Government. Finally, he served as First Vice
22 Chairperson of the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus; and

23 Whereas, Woodrow Stanley, characterized by his colleagues as a
24 community hero and passionate public servant, leaves behind a
25 legacy as a dedicated advocate for his constituents. He will also
26 be remembered as a loving husband, father, and grandfather. May his
27 family take comfort in the knowledge that his efforts will long
28 continue to enrich the people of this state; now, therefore, be it

29 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this

1 expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Woodrow
2 Stanley, a member of the House of Representatives from 2009 to
3 2014; and be it further

4 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
5 Stanley family as evidence of our lasting esteem for his memory.