

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 174

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

1 A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Thomas C.
2 Mathieu, former member of the House of Representatives.

3 Whereas, It was with great sorrow that the members of the
4 House of Representatives learned about the passing of Thomas
5 Mathieu. He will be remembered as a dedicated public servant by his
6 constituents in the Grand Rapids area and the people of the State
7 of Michigan; and

8 Whereas, Thomas Mathieu was first elected to the House of
9 Representatives in 1974. For the next 24 years he would go on to
10 serve his constituents with distinction, authoring laws such as the
11 Mathieu-Gast Home Improvement Act, the act establishing a long-term
12 care ombudsman, and the Michigan Civilian Conservation Corps Act.

1 During his service, he was recognized as Legislator of the Year by
2 a constellation of organizations, such as the Michigan United
3 Conservation Clubs, American Association of University Professors,
4 and Michigan Federation of Private Child and Family Agencies. He
5 was especially known for his efforts on behalf of senior citizens;
6 and

7 Whereas, Thomas Mathieu also distinguished himself with his
8 service in House leadership. He served as Majority Whip in the 78th
9 Legislature (1975-76), and Assistant Majority Floor Leader in the
10 79th, 80th, 81st, and 82nd Legislatures (1977-84). He also chaired
11 the Judiciary Committee in the 87th Legislature (1993-94), and the
12 Appropriations Committee for a time in the 89th Legislature (1998);
13 and

14 Whereas, After leaving the Legislature he spent seven years as
15 Director of the Michigan Association of Community Action Agencies
16 before beginning a well-earned retirement in 2005; and

17 Whereas, Upon Thomas Mathieu's passing, we offer our
18 condolences to his loved ones. Thomas Mathieu's contributions to
19 this chamber and the State of Michigan will be remembered; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this
22 expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Thomas
23 Mathieu, a member of the House of Representatives from 1975 to
24 1998; and be it further

25 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
26 Mathieu family as evidence of our lasting esteem for his memory.