

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

House Resolution No. 352.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable John Pappageorge.

Whereas, It is a sincere pleasure to commend our friend and colleague, the Honorable John Pappageorge, and to acknowledge formally the outstanding job he has done as a member of the Michigan Legislature. We join with those he has served so effectively in expressing our appreciation for his dedicated efforts throughout his service in this legislative body; and

Whereas, Representative Pappageorge has been in public service almost his entire life. He was raised on the east side of Detroit, and he graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1954. He served in the United States Army in a number of diverse roles as a soldier, diplomat, student, teacher, and analyst. His military career spanned 30 years, including two combat tours in Vietnam and the last four years of his military career with the U.S. Secretary of State's Policy Planning Council; and

Whereas, Throughout his career, Representative Pappageorge has served the residents of Oakland County District with distinction, always demonstrating a sincere concern for the best interest of his district and the state. As an effective and hardworking member of the House, Representative Pappageorge has had key roles. For two sessions, he was chair of the General Government Appropriations Subcommittee and vice chair of the State Police/Military and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee, and also served on the Judicial Subcommittee and the Joint Capitol Outlay Committee. He also served as majority caucus chair during his first term. In the present session, he has been serving as chair of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, and is also serving on the Judiciary Committee, the Senior Health, Security and Retirement Committee, the Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security Committee, and the Employment Relations, Training and Safety Committee. He has sponsored legislation in a number of areas including measures to help military families cope as their loved ones serve their country; and

Whereas, In every endeavor, Representative Pappageorge has added his unique perspective, concern, and diligence in public service to the work of the Michigan Legislature. His efforts to enhance the quality of life for his constituents, as well as all of us in Michigan, merit our praise and heartfelt appreciation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That tribute is hereby accorded to express our gratitude and admiration to the Honorable John Pappageorge for his service to the people of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to him as a reflection of our esteem.