

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

**House Resolution No. 111.**

A resolution offered as a memorial for the Honorable Melvin DeStigter.

Whereas, It is with the utmost sorrow that the members of the Michigan House of Representatives mourn the passing of Melvin DeStigter, an individual who exemplified the spirit of public service and integrity as a former member and Clerk of the Michigan House of Representatives. Indeed, Mel DeStigter was instrumental in the growth and development of the House of Representatives as a modern and highly professional institution. His 14-year tenure in this legislative body followed the adoption of the 1963 Constitution and the host of social and political changes that created a new era in Michigan's political history. Mel DeStigter is synonymous with the changes that molded this august body and the role it plays in our system of self government; and

Whereas, Mel DeStigter was born in Sioux Center, Iowa, received his A.B. degree from Calvin College, and engaged in graduate work at the University of Michigan. He served in the United States Army and was a teacher and member of the Hudsonville City Council before his first election to the House of Representative in 1964; and

Whereas, Character, it is said, is a mark of an individual with a brave outlook and a warmth of heart. Mel DeStigter's character was clearly evidenced by his seven terms as a member of the Michigan House of Representatives, his 14 years of service as Assistant Clerk, and, particularly, his service as Co-Clerk during the Shared Power Agreement. In 1995, Mel DeStigter was named Clerk of the House. He retired in 1996 following 32 years of service with the House; and

Whereas, Mel DeStigter touched many lives during his long and productive tenure. He was known as a highly effective and conscientious legislator, an astute parliamentarian, and, above all, a loving and caring family man. He will be missed; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That a unanimous accolade of tribute be offered as a memorial to Melvin DeStigter; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be presented to Mel DeStigter's wife and family as evidence of our heartfelt sorrow and best wishes.