

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

House Resolution No. 7.

A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Joe Forbes, former member of the House of Representatives.

Whereas, It is with great admiration for his long and distinguished tenure of service to the people of this state that we extend our highest tribute to honor the memory of Joe Forbes, a member of this legislative body from 1971 to 1984. With his friendly demeanor, strong belief in our system of self-government, and genuine affection for people, Joe Forbes left a legacy of effectiveness and leadership that continues to touch many lives across Michigan; and

Whereas, A gentleman with a deep sense of loyalty, Joe Forbes served in the Army during World War II. In 1958, he turned his attention to community needs with his election to the Oak Park City Council, and later became the city's mayor and served as an Oakland County Commissioner. He brought his talents and understanding of issues to Lansing in 1971, and for 14 years he distinguished himself as a tireless advocate of his community and our state; and

Whereas, Elected as the Majority Floor Leader for five consecutive terms, Joe Forbes was a key leader in the Legislature as Michigan coped with serious challenges to our economy. Many significant policy initiatives that are now part of life in Michigan took place with the benefit of Representative Forbes' vigorous support. Even after his retirement as a lawmaker, he continued to have a major impact on our state as the head of the Michigan Office of Job Training; and

Whereas, At every stage of public service, Joe Forbes demonstrated a genuine warmth for others. This memory will also long be part of his accomplishment-filled legacy; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Joe Forbes, a member of this legislative body from 1971 to 1984; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Forbes family as evidence of our lasting respect for his memory in our state.