

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

**House Resolution No. 221.**

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

Whereas, It is with great sadness that the members of this legislative body learned of the passing of Daisy Elliott. She will be remembered for her commitment to equal rights and making Michigan a better place for all of its residents, including her constituents in Detroit for whom she tirelessly advocated; and

Whereas, Even before her election to the House of Representatives in 1962, Daisy Elliott fought to improve the lives of Michigan residents. After working in factories, real estate, and with the secretary of state, she was elected as a delegate to the 1961-1962 constitutional convention. While serving as a delegate, Daisy Elliott championed the establishment of the Civil Rights Commission and an appellate court in the state constitution; and

Whereas, During her 18 years in the House of Representatives, Daisy Elliott sponsored dozens of bills that became law and was known for her dogged efforts to fight discrimination in the state. Her crowning achievement was co-authorship of the landmark civil rights act which bears her name, the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act of 1976. It was one of the most sweeping and influential policies of its kind in the entire nation; and

Whereas, Daisy Elliott was known for her leadership abilities and political acumen and earned numerous awards for public service during her lifetime. She was instrumental in the creation of the Legislative Black Caucus and provided a voice for her constituents on numerous committees during her time in the House of Representatives, most notably the Colleges and Universities, Constitutional Revision and Women's Rights, Education, and Labor committees; and

Whereas, Daisy Elliott was a remarkable public servant who worked relentlessly for the betterment of the state and advocated strongly on behalf of workers, senior citizens, women, and minorities who sought equal treatment in Michigan. Upon her passing, we offer our condolences to her family and friends. We hope that they may find comfort in the knowledge that the community as a whole shares in their bereavement, and that the legacy of Daisy Elliott's contributions will continue to enhance our state long into the future; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Daisy Elliott, a member of this legislative body from 1963 to 1978 and 1981 to 1982; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Elliott family as evidence of our lasting esteem for her memory.