

Senator Meekhof offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 3.

A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Harry A. DeMaso, former member of the Senate.

Whereas, This legislative body was saddened to learn of the passing of Harry A. DeMaso. He was a gentleman well-known and respected for his passionate commitment to the people of this state; and

Whereas, Harry DeMaso, a native of Battle Creek, was first elected to the Michigan Senate in 1966. For the next twenty years, he distinguished himself as a champion for unselfish and pragmatic leadership. These were qualities that his successor in the 20th District, Dr. Joe Schwarz, would praise as transcending partisan politics; and

Whereas, Notably, he was the lone Republican to vote in favor of a controversial 1983 income tax increase; and

Whereas, The strategies he pioneered for attracting international investment to Michigan have accounted for countless opportunities and development across our state; and

Whereas, Harry DeMaso's dedication to family, state, and nation undoubtedly changed Michigan for the better; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Harry A. DeMaso, a member of this legislative body from 1967 to 1986; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the DeMaso family as evidence of our lasting regard for his memory.