

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13

Senator Shirkey, Alexander, Ananich, Barrett, Bayer, Bizon, Brinks, Bullock, Bumstead, Chang, Daley, Geiss, Hertel, Hollier, Horn, Irwin, Johnson, LaSata, Lauwers, Lucido, MacDonald, MacGregor, McBroom, McCann, McMorrow, Moss, Nesbitt, Outman, Polehanki, Runestad, Santana, Schmidt, Stamas, Theis, VanderWall, Victory, Wojno and Zorn offered the following concurrent resolution:

1 A concurrent resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for
2 Bill S. Huffman, former member of the House of Representatives and
3 the Senate.

4 Whereas, It is with great sadness that the members of the
5 Michigan Legislature learned of the passing of Billy Huffman. He
6 was a thoughtful and devoted advocate for his constituents in
7 southeastern Oakland County and the people of the entire state
8 during six terms in the House and two terms in the Senate; and

9 Whereas, Billy Huffman had a distinguished record of public



1 service long before he arrived in Lansing. He served in the U.S.
2 Navy during World War II and was involved in local government,
3 first as a member of the Madison Heights city council and then as
4 the city's mayor. The people of Madison Heights and the surrounding
5 areas appreciated his contributions to the community and elected
6 him to be their representative in the House for the first time in
7 1962, where he served until he was elected to the Senate in 1974;
8 and

9 Whereas, During his time in the Legislature, Billy Huffman was
10 known both for his ability to forge relationships with his
11 colleagues and skill in mastering policy. He put those talents to
12 work serving as one of the Capitol's key powerbrokers on a wide
13 range of issues. He did extensive work on the appropriations
14 committees in both the House and the Senate, taking a particular
15 interest in higher education. It was especially important to him
16 that people from all walks of life were able to attend college and
17 that a university education would not be out of reach for people
18 simply because of the cost; and

19 Whereas, After leaving the Senate in 1982, Billy Huffman
20 continued his efforts to improve the educational opportunities for
21 the people of Michigan through his work with the Michigan Higher
22 Education Association. Retirement also gave him plenty of time with
23 his family and friends whose company he greatly cherished; and

24 Whereas, Billy Huffman was a consummate legislative dealmaker,
25 tremendous colleague, and tireless public advocate. Upon his
26 passing, we offer our condolences to his family and friends. We
27 hope that they may find comfort in the knowledge that the community
28 as a whole shares in their bereavement and that the legacy of Billy
29 Huffman's contributions will long continue to enrich our state;

1 now, therefore, be it

2 Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives
3 concurring), That we offer this expression of our highest tribute
4 to honor the memory of Bill S. Huffman, a member of the House of
5 Representatives from 1963 to 1974 and a member of the Senate from
6 1975 to 1982; and be it further

7 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
8 Huffman family as evidence of our lasting esteem for his memory.