

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12

Senators Brinks and Nesbitt offered the following concurrent resolution:

1 A concurrent resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for
2 Doug Cruce, former member of the Michigan Senate and Michigan House
3 of Representatives.

4 Whereas, It is with great sadness that we learned of the
5 passing of former Senator Doug Cruce. Mr. Cruce exemplified
6 leadership and selflessness as he loyally served his constituents
7 in the Sixteenth Senatorial District and the Seventy-first
8 Representative District, both of which consisted of parts of
9 Oakland County; and

10 Whereas, Mr. Cruce was born in Poplar Bluff, Missouri to the
11 late Manual D. Cruce and T. Pearl Crank. A Warren High School
12 graduate, Mr. Cruce earned his bachelor's degree from Wayne State
13 University and a master's degree from Villanova University. He

1 served his country as a marine guard in the United States Marine
2 Corps in Moscow and Bonn from 1966 until 1969 and was a member of
3 the American Legion, the Marine Corps League, and the Marine
4 Embassy Guard Association. After his faithful service in the
5 military, Mr. Cruce worked as a real estate broker with Douglas
6 Management. Mr. Cruce was an active leader in his community who
7 founded the Legislative Explorer Scouts, a group for high school
8 students interested in state government, and served on numerous
9 other boards, including the Board of Trustees for the Metro Detroit
10 Chapter of Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, the Board of Directors of
11 the American Legislative Exchange Council, and the Boys and Girls
12 Club of Troy Advisory Board. He also served as president of the
13 Michigan Insurance Federation. A person of many talents and
14 interests, Mr. Cruce played in the World Series of Poker. He is
15 survived by his wife, Anne, after over 50 years of marriage;
16 children, Jean, Laura, and Charles; seven grandchildren; and his
17 brother, Thomas; and

18 Whereas, Doug Cruce was first elected to the House of
19 Representatives in 1980. In 1982, Mr. Cruce was elected to the
20 Michigan Senate, where he served until his resignation in 1991.
21 During his tenure, he chaired the Labor Committee and the
22 Appropriations Subcommittees on Mental Health and Transportation;
23 was a vice chair for the Committee on City Government and the State
24 Affairs, Veterans, and Transportation Committee; and served as a
25 member on numerous committees, including the committees on
26 Appropriations, Commerce, Government Operations, and Insurance as
27 well as the Appropriations Subcommittees on Budget and Oversight,
28 Regulatory, Retirement, and Transportation. In addition to his
29 committee assignments, he also served one term as a member of the

1 Legislative Council. His passion for policy and representing his
2 constituents will serve as an example for those who follow in his
3 footsteps; now, therefore, be it

4 Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives
5 concurring), That we offer this expression of our highest tribute
6 to honor the memory of Doug Cruce, a loyal servant of Michigan's
7 Legislature from 1981 to 1991; and be it further

8 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
9 family of Doug Cruce as a sign of our deepest condolences.