

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 203

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

1 A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Thomas W.
2 White, former member of the House of Representatives.

3 Whereas, It was with great sorrow that the members of the
4 House of Representatives learned about the passing of Thomas White.
5 He will be remembered as a committed public servant who dutifully
6 served his constituents in Wayne County and the people of Michigan;
7 and

8 Whereas, Thomas White was born in 1937 in Detroit and attended
9 the University of Michigan and Wayne State University where he
10 received his bachelor's degree in history. He is survived by his
11 wife of thirty-six years, Kate, along with his five sons, thirteen
12 grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren. Thomas White's work

1 as a community activist and organizer led him to being elected to
2 the Michigan House of Representatives in 1964 where he served the
3 eleventh district for two terms. As a representative, Thomas White
4 served on many standing committees including Civil Rights,
5 Metropolitan Affairs, Social Aid and Welfare, City Corporations,
6 and State Affairs. He also served as the chair of the Aid to
7 Handicapped Committee. Thomas was energetic in his work for
8 Michiganders, serving on multiple special committees during his
9 tenure as a legislator; and

10 Whereas, Thomas White believed that anyone could achieve
11 success, and he served as a mentor to many throughout his storied
12 career. From directing bond finance programs at Housing and Urban
13 Development to developing multifamily programs for Fannie Mae,
14 Thomas White's career reflected his early work in community
15 activism. In addition to working towards safe and affordable
16 housing for all Americans, he served as a member of the Detroit
17 Community Relations Commission and NAACP. In retirement, Thomas
18 White continued his advocacy, serving on the board of the nation's
19 largest methadone clinic, Turning Point. He always supported those
20 around him and will be dearly missed by all who knew him; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this
23 expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Thomas W.
24 White, a member of the House of Representatives from 1965 to 1968;
25 and be it further

26 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
27 White family as evidence of our lasting esteem for his memory.