

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 17

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 James
2 McNutt, 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 James McNutt.
5 He will be remembered as a dedicated public servant by his
6 constituents in the Midland County area and the people of the State
7 of Michigan; and

8 Whereas, James McNutt earned his bachelor's and master's
9 degrees in criminal justice from his beloved Michigan State
10 University, where he remained a lifelong member of the MSU Alumni
11 Association; and

12 Whereas, James McNutt dedicated his life to serving others
13 through law enforcement, working as a probation and parole agent

1 before being appointed as the Midland County Sheriff in 1976. He
2 also served as the President of the Michigan Sheriff's Association
3 and as a member of the National Sheriff's Association. His
4 dedication to his work was recognized by his colleagues and
5 community, and he was awarded the Liberty Bell Award by the
6 Michigan Bar Association; and

7 Whereas, James McNutt was first elected to the House of
8 Representatives in 1990, where he would serve his constituents with
9 distinction for the next eight years. James McNutt quickly made a
10 name for himself in the state capitol, and his continued dedication
11 to law enforcement was recognized by his receipt of the Legislator
12 of the Year Award in 1996 from the Fraternal Order of Police and
13 the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. His contributions to
14 the House of Representatives continued to be recognized after his
15 retirement, with James McNutt being honored with a Legislative
16 Tribute in 2021. James McNutt is remembered by his colleagues as an
17 honorable public servant and someone who approached his life and
18 work with strong principles, deep convictions, and a good sense of
19 humor; and

20 Whereas, After his retirement from the House of
21 Representatives, James McNutt stayed active in his community, which
22 included involvement with organizations such as the Kiwanis Club,
23 Knights of Columbus, and Senior Services, and serving on the boards
24 of organizations such as Cleveland Manor and the Michigan Mental
25 Health Association; and

26 Whereas, During retirement, James McNutt also enjoyed his
27 favorite pastimes, continuing his love of the outdoors with
28 adventures involving gardening, hunting, woodworking, boating, and
29 fishing, for which he received two Master Angler Awards. You could

1 also find him cheering on his favorite Michigan sports teams, which
2 included his beloved Spartans, Detroit Tigers, Detroit Lions, and
3 even the archrival Michigan Wolverines; and

4 Whereas, Upon James McNutt's passing, we offer our condolences
5 to his loved ones. James McNutt's contributions to this chamber and
6 the State of Michigan will be remembered; now, therefore, be it

7 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this
8 expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of James
9 McNutt, a member of the House of Representatives from 1991 to 1998;
10 and be it further

11 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
12 McNutt family as evidence of our lasting esteem for his memory.