

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

House Resolution No. 121.

A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Richard D. Allen, former member of the House of Representatives.

Whereas, The members of this legislative body and many at the Capitol were saddened to learn of the passing of Richard D. Allen, a member of the Michigan House of Representatives for 12 years. With his record of commitment on behalf of his community, this state, and our nation, this gentleman set an example of the highest standards of citizenship and service; and

Whereas, A native of Caro in the Thumb, Dick Allen compiled a long and varied record of dedication on behalf of others. He served our nation with distinction in both the Marines and the Air Force and studied at the University of Illinois and the University of Maryland before returning to his home community. He became a trusted voice for his neighbors through his 19 years as a newspaper reporter and editor. His personal involvement in community life was further illustrated in his leadership as a charter member of the Help Line crisis intervention program and his efforts on the Tuscola County Community Mental Health Services Board. He also contributed to the work of a host of other civic groups; and

Whereas, In 1983, Mr. Allen brought his talents and energies to Lansing for the first of his 6 consecutive terms in the House. His attention to detail, particularly though his work on the Appropriations Committee, was appreciated by both members and staff. This steady thoroughness was helpful throughout his entire tenure as a lawmaker, which included service during the historic shared power arrangement during the Eighty-third Legislature. His subsequent involvement in public affairs in Lansing reflected the respect he garnered from both sides of the political aisle; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Richard D. Allen, a member of this legislative body from 1983 to 1994; and be it further

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