

Rep. Darany offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 160.

A resolution to recognize Congressman John D. Dingell as the longest serving member of the United States Congress.

Whereas, It is with a great deal of respect and admiration for his accomplishments that we join the family, friends, and the citizens of Michigan in thanking Congressman John D. Dingell for his significant contributions to our great country. Mr. Dingell is a man devoted to his family, his community, and the greater good of mankind; and

Whereas, John D. Dingell, was born on July 8, 1926 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He attended Capitol Page School in Washington, D.C., and Georgetown Preparatory School in Garrett Park, Maryland. He received his undergraduate degree in chemistry from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. in 1943. He then joined the United States Army and served from 1944-1946. After serving in World War II, he went to Georgetown University Law School and received his Juris Doctorate in 1952. After graduating from law school, he was a lawyer in private practice and research assistant to United States Circuit Judge Theodore Levin. From 1952-1953, he was an assistant prosecuting attorney for Wayne County, Michigan. John Dingell was then elected to the United States House of Representatives following the death of his father in 1955. He has served 29 consecutive terms representing the state of Michigan in the US House of Representatives, making him the longest serving congressman in the history of the United States; and

Whereas, Mr. Dingell has made the most of his time in Congress by helping to enact groundbreaking legislation, such as the Civil Rights Act of 1960 which promotes racial equality; and

Whereas, Mr. Dingell has proven his respect for the environment through supporting and passing legislation such as the National Wilderness Act, which set aside nine million acres of wilderness that has grown into more than 90 million acres; and the Water Quality Act of 1965, which authorized \$50 million to fight water pollution, established a new Federal Water Pollution Control Administration, and set new standards for water quality. He also helped enact the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 that not only cleaned up the environment, but protected jobs as well; and

Whereas, Mr. Dingell in an effort to protect the environment and his home state of Michigan, also led federal efforts to clean up the Rouge River, one of the dirtiest rivers in the country and one of the biggest sources for pollution to the Great Lakes, by securing more than \$350 million for the clean-up process; and

Whereas, Mr. Dingell has also shown his desire to serve the state of Michigan and its citizens by investigating defense contractors for fraudulent and wasteful use of taxpayer dollars, which resulted in nearly a billion dollars being returned to the taxpayers, and enacting legislation such as the Do Not Call List, which protects the public from unwanted telemarketing calls. Mr. Dingell also led the Oversight Committee to conduct major investigations that resulted in saving the American taxpayers more than \$11 billion; and

Whereas, His faithful service has brought him numerous honors and awards, including having the new Veterans Administration Medical Center in Detroit named after him by President Bill Clinton; and

Whereas, During his 58 years of public service, Mr. Dingell understands the importance of compromise and respects different views. He always looks for the positive and this was never

more evident than in the friendships he has with Democrats and Republicans alike; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body recognize Congressman John D. Dingell as the longest serving member of the United States Congress. We honor the contributions he has made to Michigan and the entire United States of America.