

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

House Resolution No. 114.

A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Donald J. Albosta, former member of the House of Representatives.

Whereas, The members of this legislative body were saddened to learn of the passing of former Representative Donald J. Albosta. A tenacious, hard-working, and outspoken advocate for his community and our state, his time with the Michigan House of Representatives was only a small part of a long career in public service; and

Whereas, Born and raised in the Saginaw area, Donald Albosta attended the Saginaw and Chesaning public schools and would go on to attend the Chesaning Agricultural School and Delta College. He proudly fought for our country as a member of the U.S. Navy during World War II, and remained an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5695. A farmer by passion and trade, he founded and operated Misteguay Creek Farms. He was also a leader in the agricultural community serving as director of the Saginaw Sugar Beet Growers' Association and in high-level positions with numerous other agricultural groups; and

Whereas, Donald Albosta loved serving the people of his community. Prior to his election to the Michigan House of Representatives in 1974, he served as an Albee Township trustee and a Saginaw County commissioner. Upon his election to this legislative body, he served two years with vigor and diligence representing parts of Bay and Saginaw counties and applied his vast knowledge and experience to the problems of our state. During that time, he was an effective and hard-working member of the Drainage, Towns and Counties, and Taxation committees as well as co-chairman of the Agriculture Committee; and

Whereas, Representative Albosta's time in Lansing was short as he would go on to run for congressional office. From 1979 to 1984, he represented the people of the 10th Congressional District and the state of Michigan as a U.S. Representative, becoming the first democrat to represent the area in Congress in over 50 years. His congressional tenure was notable for leading investigations into potential unethical conduct by the 1980 Ronald Reagan presidential campaign. Following his time in our nation's capital, he would return to farming and his community; and

Whereas, Donald Albosta distinguished himself during his life as a conscientious public servant, a successful farmer, and a loving husband and father. His family may take a small measure of solace in knowing that his meritorious service to our state will not soon be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Donald J. Albosta, a member of this legislative body from 1975 to 1976; and be it further

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