

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 54

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

1 A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Wilbur V.
2 Brotherton, former member of the Michigan House of Representatives.

3 Whereas, It is with great sorrow that the members of the House
4 of Representatives learned about the passing of Wilbur V. "Sandy"
5 Brotherton. He will be remembered as a dedicated public servant and
6 champion for the residents of Oakland County and all of Michigan;
7 and

8 Whereas, Wilbur Brotherton was born and educated in Chicago.
9 While attending Northwestern University, he was drafted into the
10 Army Air Corps, serving as a First Lieutenant during World War II
11 in the European Theatre. As a navigator in the war, he was awarded
12 the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with three Oak Clusters,

1 and a Presidential Citation; and

2 Whereas, After the war, he was employed as an executive for
3 the former Packard and Chrysler corporations. His public service
4 career included 14 years on the Farmington City Council and 7 years
5 as the mayor of Farmington. He also served as an Oakland County
6 commissioner for 2 years; and

7 Whereas, In 1974, Wilbur Brotherton was elected to his first
8 of 7 terms with the House of Representatives. He represented the
9 Sixty-fourth District and later the Sixty-ninth District, both
10 encompassing part of Oakland County. Representative Brotherton
11 brought his local government, business, and military experience to
12 Lansing, serving on the City Government, Civil Rights, Economic
13 Development and Energy, Military and Veterans' Affairs, Public
14 Health, Public Utilities, Taxation, Tourism and Recreation, and
15 Urban Affairs committees. He introduced numerous bills addressing
16 health care, crime, and economic development, among other issues;
17 and

18 Whereas, Wilbur Brotherton worked hard for his constituents
19 and community and was admired by his family, friends, and
20 colleagues. Upon his passing, we offer our condolences to his loved
21 ones. Wilbur Brotherton's contributions to this chamber and our
22 state will be remembered; now, therefore, be it

23 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this
24 expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Wilbur V.
25 Brotherton, a member of the House of Representatives from 1975 to
26 1988; and be it further

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