

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 364

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 Stanley
2 Stopczynski, former member of the Michigan House of
3 Representatives.

4 Whereas, It is with great sorrow that the members of this
5 legislative body learned about the passing of Stanley Stopczynski.
6 He will be remembered as a dedicated public servant and leader who
7 was committed to his constituents in Wayne County in the Eleventh
8 and Nineteenth Districts; and

9 Whereas, Stanley Stopczynski was born in Detroit, Michigan to
10 Representative Stephen and Cassie Stopczynski. He graduated from
11 Sacred Heart Seminary High, attended St. Mary's College, and went
12 on to attend the American Institute of Banking. He married his

1 wife, Donna, on September 3, 1955 in Windsor, Ontario, Canada.
2 Stanley Stopczynski served in the United States Army and Cavalry
3 from June 1957 to May 1959, spending fifteen months of that time
4 doing training maneuvers in Germany. As a young man, he wanted to
5 be a priest. When he found that the priesthood was not his calling,
6 he built a career in banking at the City Bank of Detroit and
7 reached the top of his field at Wayne Oakland Bank as an assistant
8 vice president and branch manager; and

9 Whereas, Stanley Stopczynski was first elected to the House of
10 Representatives in 1978, where he served his constituents and the
11 people of Michigan for fourteen years. For his first two terms, he
12 served alongside his brother, Thaddeus, who also represented part
13 of Wayne County. As a member of the House of Representatives, he
14 served as the Majority Floor Whip; chaired the Liquor Control
15 Committee; was the vice chair for the committees on Corrections and
16 Public Utilities; and was a member of the committees on Public
17 Health, Roads and Bridges, Economic Development and Energy, Social
18 Services and Youth, Transportation, and Corporations and Finance.
19 Stanley Stopczynski was also part of the congregation at both Our
20 Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church and St. Mary's Catholic
21 Church, and he was a member of the Polish Legion of American
22 Veterans and the LaSalle College Park Improvement Association; and

23 Whereas, Stanley Stopczynski is survived by his two children,
24 Kathleen and Michael; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren;
25 two sisters-in-law; and over twenty nieces and nephews whom he
26 loved dearly. His wife, parents, and two brothers, Steven and
27 Thaddeus, preceded him in death. His family described him as a very
28 smart, kind, and extremely generous man, with a great sense of
29 humor and deep love for his family, who was loved by all in every

1 walk of his life. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered;
2 now, therefore, be it

3 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this
4 expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Stanley
5 Stopczynski, a member of this legislative body from 1979 to 1992;
6 and be it further

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