

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16

Senators Brinks and Nesbitt offered the following concurrent resolution:

1 A concurrent resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for
2 Michael L. Green, former member of the Michigan Senate and Michigan
3 House of Representatives.

4 Whereas, It is with great sorrow that the members of this
5 Legislature learned about the passing of Mike Green. He will be
6 remembered as a dedicated public servant and leader who was
7 committed to his constituents in the Thirty-First Senate District
8 and the Eighty-Fourth House District; and

9 Whereas, Mike Green was born in Risco, Missouri, before moving
10 to Michigan. He was a member of the 1966 graduating class of
11 Goodrich High School and attended Flint Jr. College. Before being
12 elected to the Michigan House of Representatives, Mike Green worked
13 for General Motors for nearly three decades; additionally, he

1 operated the family farm for 17 years and owned a custom log
2 furniture business. Furthermore, Mike Green was elected and served
3 as a Tuscola County commissioner for eight years and also worked as
4 an aide for a former Senator. Throughout his life, Mike Green's
5 dedication to his community was evident from his active
6 participation in and leadership over a number of organizations: the
7 Tuscola County Cooperative Extension, the Tuscola County Health
8 Department, the Thumb Area Commission on Aging, the Thumb Area
9 Consortium Joint Executive Council, the Michigan Association of
10 Counties, and many others. A devout Baptist, Mike Green was also an
11 active member of his religious community - the Juniata Baptist
12 Church - and the Gideons International; and

13 Whereas, Mike Green was first elected to the Michigan House of
14 Representatives in 1994, where he served three terms. During his
15 tenure as a representative, Mike Green served in multiple roles on
16 various committees, including serving as the minority vice chair of
17 the Agriculture Committee, the vice chair of the Agriculture and
18 Forestry Committee, and the chair of the Agriculture and Resource
19 Management Committee. In 2010, Mike Green was elected to the
20 Michigan Senate, where he served two terms. During his time as a
21 senator, Mike Green served with distinction on a number of
22 committees, including as the vice chair of the Agriculture
23 Committee and, at various times, as chair of the Appropriations
24 subcommittee on Agriculture and Rural Development and the
25 committees on the Department of Environmental Quality, the
26 Department of Natural Resources, and Natural Resources. During his
27 time in the Legislature, Mike Green was particularly known as a
28 pro-life advocate and a champion for issues concerning autism,
29 rural communities, gun ownership, and the outdoors. His passion for

1 the outdoors led him to re-establish the bipartisan Legislative
2 Sportsmen's Caucus; and

3 Whereas, Mike Green is survived by his wife of 56 years,
4 Paula, and five children. Additionally, he is survived by twenty-
5 two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son and grandson,
6 who passed away before birth. We offer our condolences to Mike
7 Green's loved ones and join them in recognizing his lifetime of
8 contributions to the State of Michigan, which will always be
9 remembered; now, therefore, be it

10 Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives
11 concurring), That we offer this expression of our highest tribute
12 to honor the memory of Michael L. Green, a loyal member of
13 Michigan's House of Representatives from 1995 to 2000 and the
14 Senate from 2011 to 2018; and be it further

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