

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

House Resolution No. 194.

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

Whereas, The members and staff of the Michigan Legislature were saddened to learn of the passing of Alvin J. Hoekman. With the integrity, effectiveness, and dedication he displayed in his eight years as a state lawmaker and his long record of leadership in business and civic involvement in Ottawa County, Mr. Hoekman truly made Michigan a better place for all of us; and

Whereas, A native of South Dakota, Al Hoekman was the proud son of the American family farm. The values of hard work, the importance of standing up for one's beliefs, and compassion for others he learned as a young man were to mark all aspects of his accomplishment-filled life. Mr. Hoekman served our country in the Army from 1958 to 1960 before carving out a reputation as a knowledgeable business leader in the Holland community. His involvement in business groups and community life led him to public service and his election to the Michigan House of Representatives in 1984; and

Whereas, In his four terms as a state lawmaker, Representative Hoekman was respected for his knowledge in several key issue areas, including insurance. Even as a minority member in the House, he was the author of several bills enacted into law each session, a testament to his reputation as a man of principle who never lost sight of the individuals and families of this state. Most recently, he had been devoting his energies and talents to the people of his community as a leader with the Ottawa County Road Commission. Clearly, his strength of character, unselfishness, and sense of commitment will long be remembered by all who worked with him; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our highest respect to honor the memory of Alvin J. Hoekman, a member of this legislative body from 1985 to 1992; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Hoekman family as evidence of our sincerest condolences.