

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

House Resolution No. 216.

A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for James N. Callahan, former member of the House of Representatives.

Whereas, The members of this legislative body and many people throughout the capital city and our state were saddened to learn of the passing of James N. Callahan. His achievements in local government, as a two-term state representative, and as head of the Michigan Association of Counties had a significant positive impact on a wide range of public policy matters. The sense of service demonstrated in all he undertook will long be felt and valued; and

Whereas, A native of Flint who studied at Central Michigan University, James Callahan served his country with distinction in the United States Army in Korea. His return to civilian life saw him redirect his energies in the service of others to the arenas of the business world and local government. In addition to his efforts in the insurance industry, he took on the mantle of leadership as the mayor of Mt. Morris for six years. He also served as a member and chair of the Genesee County Board of Supervisors; and

Whereas, Elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 1966, James Callahan served as chair of the House Committee on Towns and Counties for the 1969-70 legislature, sharing his insights and experiences. His deep understanding of the workings of local government was put to excellent use in his 20 years with the Michigan Association of Counties, including his work as the Director of Legislative Affairs and his leadership as Executive Director. Clearly, this proud Irishman, through his personal warmth and his unselfishness, touched many lives in Michigan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of James N. Callahan, a member of this legislative body from 1967 to 1970; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Callahan family as evidence of the lasting esteem that will be held for his memory across our state.