

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 176

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 David H.
2 Evans, former member of the House of Representatives.

3 Whereas, It was with great sorrow that the members of the
4 House of Representatives learned about the passing of David Evans.
5 He will be remembered as a dedicated public servant by his
6 constituents in the Mount Clemens area and the people of the State
7 of Michigan; and

8 Whereas, David Evans was first elected to the House of
9 Representatives in 1976. For the next eight years he would
10 faithfully serve his constituents. He was significantly involved in
11 legislation making it easier for former criminal offenders to
12 obtain occupational licenses in a variety of fields, which sought

1 to enable more offenders to reintegrate themselves into society;
2 and

3 Whereas, After losing his re-election bid in 1984, he was
4 elected by his former colleagues to serve as Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives. That office made him the parliamentarian for the
6 chamber, a role he embraced due to his deep commitment to fairness
7 and equity. Indeed, after the 1992 elections produced an evenly
8 divided 55-55 chamber, the power-sharing agreement between the
9 Democrats and Republicans specifically provided that he would serve
10 as temporary presiding officer when the 87th Legislature convened.
11 After the 87th Legislature organized itself, he served as co-clerk
12 under that agreement for his final term; and

13 Whereas, Upon David Evans' passing, we offer our condolences
14 to his loved ones. David Evans' contributions to this chamber and
15 the State of Michigan will be remembered; now, therefore, be it

16 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this
17 expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of David
18 Evans, a member of the House of Representatives from 1977 to 1984;
19 and be it further

20 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
21 Evans family as evidence of our lasting esteem for his memory.