

**SCR-7, As Adopted by the Senate, February 23, 2005**

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7.**

A concurrent resolution offered as a memorial for John T. Bowman, former member of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Whereas, The members of the Michigan Legislature were saddened to learn of the passing of John T. Bowman, who served the people of this state as a lawmaker for 22 years. His long and distinguished record working on behalf of his Macomb County community was marked by his leadership and hard work during an era of great change for our state. We extend our sincere condolences to his family; and

Whereas, Like so many men of his generation, John Bowman learned the value of public service and patriotism at an early age. He served our country in the Navy during World War II. A former Justice of the Peace who studied at Wayne State University, John Bowman worked in public relations prior to embarking upon elective office. In 1954, he was elected to the first of his four consecutive terms in the Michigan House of Representatives, and in 1963, he brought his talents and experiences to the Michigan Senate, where he served until 1977; and

Whereas, John Bowman's career as a lawmaker coincided with the modernization of our state government and the institution of the Legislature in many ways. He served during the period that saw the people of Michigan adopt and the Legislature implement the 1963 Constitution. Mr. Bowman's influence was widely acknowledged at the Capitol, and his work, especially as the chair of the Senate Taxation Committee, contributed to a great deal of significant public policy decisions. His leadership also included his tenure as the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of John T. Bowman, who served this state as a lawmaker for 22 years; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Bowman family as evidence of our sympathies.