

Senators Sikkema and Emerson offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 28.

A resolution offered as a memorial for the Honorable Joseph S. Mack.

Whereas, It is with the utmost sorrow that the members of the Michigan Senate mourn the sudden passing of Joe Mack, an individual who in every way exemplified the heart and soul of the Upper Peninsula. Indeed, as they say in the U.P., Joe Mack had "Sisu." It marked every aspect of his life and will be a lasting testimony to his strength of character. He will be missed; and

Whereas, The son of a miner, Joe Mack was raised in a family of 10 children. He graduated from Luther L. Wright High School and went on to the Milwaukee Vocational School to study steel fabrication. During the war, he worked on the Manhattan Project in development of the A-bomb. He returned to Ironwood in 1946 and soon after became active in elective politics; and

Whereas, Joe Mack was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 1960. He served two terms in the House of Representatives, and, with his election to the Senate in 1964, went on to serve a total of 30 years in the Michigan Legislature. Highlights of his career in the Senate included his chairmanship of the Upper Peninsula Industrial and Economic Affairs Committee and his service as a member of the Senate Appropriations and Retirement Committee; and

Whereas, Joe Mack's tenure as a lawmaker spanned a period of time that saw great changes in our society and in our state in particular. Despite these changes, Joe Mack remained steadfast as a champion of the U.P. and its people. His efforts on behalf of natural resources, outdoor recreation, economic development, and the rights of the individual earned the respect of his peers, and, above all, the deep and sincere gratitude of the working men and women of the Upper Peninsula. Clearly, his hard work and determined spirit have paid dividends that will long continue to benefit our state. There could be no finer affirmation of his life and career; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That a unanimous accolade of tribute be offered as a memorial for Joseph S. Mack; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Senator Mack's wife and family as evidence of our heartfelt sorrow and best wishes.