

Senator Sikkema offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 53.

A resolution offered as a memorial for Beryl Kenyon, former Secretary of the Senate.

Whereas, The members of the Michigan Senate were saddened to learn of the passing of Beryl Kenyon, a gentleman who served his country, his home state, and this legislative body with great distinction over many years. His impact as an individual of integrity, commitment, and professionalism continues to be felt at the Capitol; and

Whereas, A native of Jackson, Beryl Kenyon was part of the "Greatest Generation." He served his country in some of its darkest hours as a gunner on B-29 missions in the Pacific in World War II and later again in Korea. That type of unshakeable belief in service to others marked his entire life, including his work as a police sergeant in Grand Rapids and his public service in Lansing; and

Whereas, Beryl Kenyon's career with the Michigan Senate spanned a total of 24 years and included the development of the Michigan Legislature as a modern institution under the *Constitution of 1963*. To his responsibilities as the Secretary of the Senate from 1962 to 1965 and from 1967 to 1975, he brought a sense of fairness and an even-handed approach every bit as memorable as his total tenure as one of the longest-serving Secretaries of the Senate in the state's history. This example remains prominent among his many contributions to our state and nation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we unite in honoring the memory of Beryl Kenyon, the Secretary of the Michigan Senate from 1962 to 1965 and from 1967 to 1975; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Mr. Kenyon's family as evidence of the esteem that will long be held for his memory.