

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

House Resolution No. 246.

A resolution of tribute to honor the memory of Gerald Graves, former member of the House of Representatives.

Whereas, It is with deep appreciation for his long and varied service to our state that we mark the passing of Gerald Graves, a member of the House of Representatives from 1951 to 1954 and the mayor of the Capital City from 1969 to 1981. His commitment to public service had a strong positive impact on life in Michigan, and we are proud to acknowledge his leadership as we extend our sympathies to his family; and

Whereas, Born and raised in Alpena, Gerald Graves was a graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy who served with distinction during World War II. After returning to Michigan and commencing studies at Michigan State University, he turned his talents and energies to the seas of politics and public service. In 1950, he was elected to the first of two terms as a state lawmaker, representing Alpena. His work as a lawmaker included committee responsibilities in the areas of aeronautics, conservation, roads, and bridges; and

Whereas, Following his legislative tenure and several years with the Michigan Good Roads Federation, Mr. Graves brought his talents to city government in Lansing. His style reflected the strength of his convictions, and his integrity made him an effective advocate for the city during a challenging era. Clearly, his sense of commitment to public service built a legacy that will long be of value to our state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Gerald Graves, a member of this legislative body from 1951 to 1954; and be it further

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