

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

House Resolution No. 296.

A resolution offered as a memorial for the Honorable Stephen P. Dresch.

Whereas, It is with the utmost sorrow that the members of the Michigan House of Representatives mourn the passing of Stephen P. Dresch, a former member of the House, and an individual known for his strength of character and selfless concern for the well-being of others. Indeed, as a champion of individual liberties, property rights, and social justice, Stephen Dresch exemplified the independent spirit and the stalwart soul of the Upper Peninsula. He will be deeply missed; and

Whereas, Stephen Dresch was born in East St. Louis, Illinois, graduated from Miami University in Ohio, and received his Ph.D in economics from Yale. He engaged in research and lecturing in economics in a number of exotic locales, including Austria and the former Soviet Union, and went on to become the dean of business and economics at Michigan Technological University where he gained fame as a fighter against corruption and injustice; and

Whereas, Elected to the House of Representatives in 1990, Stephen Dresch served the institution of the House as a member of the Civil Rights, Constitution and Women's Issues Committee; the Committee on Marine Affairs and Port Development; the Committee on Transportation; and the Social Services and Youth Committee. In these, and in all of his work on behalf of the people of Michigan, he served with the utmost distinction and honor. There could be no finer testimony to his true spirit of public service and genuine warmth of heart; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That a unanimous accolade of tribute be extended to honor the memory of Stephen P. Dresch; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to his wife, Linda; their children Soren, Stephanie, Phaedra, and Karl; and their four grandchildren as evidence of our deepest condolences.