

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

House Resolution No. 189.

A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for James F. Smith, former member of the House of Representatives.

Whereas, It is with great respect for his lifetime of service to his community, our state, and our country that we honor the memory of James F. Smith, whose ten years in the Michigan House of Representatives mirrored a sense of commitment to others that will long be remembered. To his entire family, we offer our sincerest condolences; and

Whereas, James Smith, a native of Davison, answered his country's call to arms at a critical point in history and served three years in the United States Army. A member of the 100th Infantry Division, he spent 18 months in Europe during World War II. This strong sense of responsibility was to mark his entire life, as he went on to serve as a member of the Davison City Council, as the Davison mayor, and as a member of the Genesee County Board of Supervisors; and

Whereas, In 1967, James Smith brought his talents and energies to Lansing for the first of his five consecutive terms as a State Representative. His tenure as a lawmaker was marked by a strong understanding of local government and business issues, as well as an abiding dedication to his constituents. His spirit, outgoing personality, and ability to articulate concerns made him an effective and respected legislator. Even after leaving the Capitol, he went on to serve as the Grand Blanc Township Treasurer; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of James F. Smith, a member of this legislative body from 1967 to 1976; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Smith family as evidence of our lasting esteem for his memory.