

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

House Resolution No. 156.

A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Richard A. Young, former member of the House of Representatives.

Whereas, With the passing of Richard A. Young, Michigan has lost a gentleman who contributed enormously to the operations of state government and its legislative branch. With his intellect, character, and even-handed approach to solving problems, Dick Young left a lasting legacy of effectiveness through his 30 years as a lawmaker. The impact of his record continues to be felt in Lansing, especially by those who worked with him at the Capitol; and

Whereas, A veteran of service with the Air Force, Dick Young earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Detroit and juris doctorate from Wayne State University. His experiences as the Dearborn Township Treasurer and as the Dearborn Heights City Treasurer, as well as his work as a teacher and attorney, gave him a sound understanding of the complexities of government. In 1965, he brought his talents and knowledge to Lansing for the first of his 15 terms, which saw him serve with 4 governors, Romney, Milliken, Blanchard, and Engler; and

Whereas, Representative Dick Young's tenure of service was marked by a balance of thoughtfulness, pragmatism, and compassion for others. A long-time member of the House Appropriations Committee and Chair of the General Government Subcommittee, he had an exceptional grasp of financial fundamentals during an era marked by difficult and transformational changes in our state. His leadership during the historic shared power agreement of 1993-1994, when he served as a Co-Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, reflected the respect held for his knowledge and integrity; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Richard A. Young, a member of this legislative body from 1965 to 1994; and be it further

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