

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

House Resolution No. 146.

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

Whereas, With the recent passing of Ralph Ostling, Michigan has lost a gentleman who contributed a great deal to this state through his long and distinguished commitment as a lawmaker. With gratitude for his sense of commitment and his understanding of the needs of his community and our state, we offer our condolences to his family and to his many friends in the Roscommon area and in the Capitol City; and

Whereas, A native of Roscommon who took on a wide range of public-minded responsibilities throughout his life, Ralph Ostling was a graduate of Central Michigan University who earned his master's degree from Michigan State University. He served our country at the end of World War II in the Navy before channeling his talents to others as a teacher and coach, and as a township clerk for 17 years; and

Whereas, In 1972, Ralph Ostling was elected to the first of his 10 consecutive terms in the Michigan House of Representatives. To his legislative duties, this genial gentleman brought real-world sensibilities and a practical approach to public policy debates. His intellect and temperament earned him the respect of his colleagues, and his leadership as the minority vice chair of the House Appropriations Committee reflected his great value to the work of addressing Michigan's challenges. His continuing involvement with policy issues after his legislative tenure demonstrated a dedication to Michigan's future that will long be remembered; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Ralph A. Ostling, a member of this legislative body from 1973 to 1992; and be it further

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