

Senator Richardville offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 10.

A resolution of tribute offered to the Honorable John D. Dingell, Congressman for Michigan's 15th District.

Whereas, John D. Dingell, born in Colorado Springs, Colorado, in 1926 is the son of the late Congressman John D. Dingell, Sr., and Grace Bigler Dingell; and

Whereas, Having developed a strong interest in public service thanks to his father's honorable service in the U.S. Congress for 12 terms, John D. Dingell began his long and storied career as a House page at the age of 12; and

Whereas, Prior to his election to Congress, John D. Dingell had already served his country admirably as a second lieutenant in the United States Army during World War II; and

Whereas, John D. Dingell was sworn in as a member of Congress in 1955 after winning a special election to replace his late father; and

Whereas, Congressman Dingell has authored or been a key player in the passage of some of our nation's most important laws, including the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the National Environmental Policy Act, and the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; and

Whereas, John D. Dingell has been a tireless advocate on behalf of working Americans for his entire career and has served as the Dean of the U.S. House of Representatives since 1995.

Whereas, Mr. Dingell is widely respected by local, state, and national leaders of all political persuasions for his honorable service and firm adherence to the ethics and traditions of a true public servant; and

Whereas, On February 11, 2009, John D. Dingell will become the longest-serving member of the U.S. House of Representatives in the history of this great nation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of our highest praise and honor to Congressman John D. Dingell for his enduring commitment to his constituents, the state of Michigan, and the United States in the past, present, and future; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Congressman John D. Dingell as evidence of our high esteem.