

Senator Richardville offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 16.

A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for George Zaven Hart, former member of the Michigan Senate.

Whereas, This legislative body was saddened to learn of the passing of George Z. Hart. For 20 years, he served the constituents of Dearborn and its surrounding communities in the Senate. He will be remembered for his good cheer, fine voice, dapper dress, and most importantly, commitment to his district and our entire state; and

Whereas, George Hart enjoyed a long and memorable political career. Following his service to our country in World War II and graduation from Wayne State University, he would become a fixture for more than four decades in Dearborn and Wayne County politics. He served 14 years on the Dearborn City Council and 7 years on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners. A gregarious man, he thoroughly enjoyed meeting and chatting with the people he represented. After a number of failed runs, he finally achieved his goal of election to the Senate in 1978; and

Whereas, Senator Hart would carve a legacy for himself in the Senate based on his colorful personality and his significant achievements. An avid singer, he would frequently break into song on the Senate floor to commemorate special occasions, earning him the moniker of the "Singing Senator." At the same time, he worked diligently for his constituents and the good of our state. Notably, he championed Michigan's child car seat safety law that has saved the lives of children across Michigan. In recognition, the American Automobile Association of Michigan would award him the Steering Wheel Award as the outstanding legislator of 1987; and

Whereas, Upon completing his service in the Senate, George Hart remained a public figure in his hometown and led an active private life. He continued to participate in local ceremonies and parades for Flag Day, Veterans Day, and Memorial Day. In December, he married his longtime companion Catherine; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of George Zaven Hart, a member of this legislative body from 1979 to 1982 and 1987 to 2002; and be it further

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