

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

House Resolution No. 165.

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

Whereas, It is with sorrow that the members of this legislative body join with others who knew and highly regarded the life of Vera Rison in mourning her passing. Although this passionate servant in the community is now gone from our midst, she will be long remembered; and

Whereas, A long-time stalwart of the Flint community, Vera Rison garnered a reputation for compassionate care for others in need. That passion to serve resulted in a distinguished career in public service that includes contributions at the local and state levels of government. As a member of the Genesee County Board of Commissioners, she chaired the Human Services Committee and was involved in a variety of boards and community organizations. In recognition of her dedication, the Vera B. Rison Women's Shelter of Hope was designated in her honor; and

Whereas, In 1996, Vera Rison was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives where she became a staunch advocate for disadvantaged and marginalized constituents in her district and throughout the state. From serving on the Criminal Justice and Family and Children Services committees to her involvement as minority whip, she served this branch of the Legislature with distinction; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer our highest tribute in honor of the memory of Vera Rison, a member of the Michigan House of Representatives from 1997 to 2002; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Rison family as evidence of our high esteem for her life and legacy.