

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Senator Shirkey offered the following concurrent resolution:

1 A concurrent resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for
2 William Broomfield, former member of the Michigan House of
3 Representatives and Senate and the United States House of
4 Representatives.

5 Whereas, It was with great sorrow that the members of the
6 Michigan Legislature learned about the passing of William
7 Broomfield. He will be remembered as a dedicated public servant by
8 his constituents in southeast Michigan and the people of the state
9 of Michigan; and

10 Whereas, Born and raised in Royal Oak, William Broomfield
11 attended Michigan State College and served in the U.S. Army Air
12 Corps during the Second World War before starting his career in
13 real estate and property management; and

14 Whereas, William Broomfield was first elected to the House of

1 Representatives in 1948 to represent the Fourth House District of
2 Oakland County. During his third term, he served as Speaker Pro
3 Tempore in the House, the youngest to serve in that position at the
4 time. In 1954, William Broomfield was elected to the Senate where
5 he served one term. In his district he was known as "Bill," and his
6 reputation was that of a decent, soft-spoken, behind-the-scenes
7 legislator who worked hard to make his constituents proud; and

8 Whereas, William Broomfield had strong principles that guided
9 his time as a public servant. As a fiscal conservative, he believed
10 in an efficient government that represented the people while
11 spending their tax dollars wisely. He introduced bills prohibiting
12 a public service commissioner from gaining employment with a
13 utility immediately following their time with the commission; he
14 served as chairman of the special committee investigation into a
15 children's institution accused of fraud and neglect of children;
16 and he called for and lead a special committee investigation on
17 gasoline-price hikes in Michigan, among his myriad accomplishments
18 while serving in the Michigan Legislature; and

19 Whereas, William Broomfield was elected to the U.S. House of
20 Representatives in 1956 where he served for 36 years. He spent 18
21 of those years as the ranking Republican on the House Foreign
22 Affairs Committee where he shaped foreign policy during the Cold
23 War through the fall of the Berlin Wall. Despite advancing many
24 important policies relating to world affairs, William Broomfield
25 believed his most important vote was for the Civil Rights Act of
26 1964; and

27 Whereas, William Broomfield has left a legacy that will not
28 soon be forgotten. His dedication to the people of Michigan and to
29 the country is admirable and remains an example for those who have

1 followed him into public service. May his family take some solace
2 in his legacy and our fond memory of him; now, therefore, be it

3 Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives
4 concurring), That we offer this expression of our highest tribute
5 to honor the memory of William Broomfield, a member of the Michigan
6 House of Representatives from 1949 to 1954, the Michigan Senate
7 from 1955 to 1956, and the United States House of Representatives
8 from 1957 to 1992; and be it further

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