

SR-3, As Adopted by Senate, January 10, 2007

Senators Hardiman and Jansen offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 3.

A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Gerald R. Ford, the 38th President of the United States.

Whereas, With the passing of President Gerald R. Ford, Michigan has lost one of its most beloved sons and a gentleman who rendered singular service to the nation during a unique moment in our history. As we celebrate his life and leadership in public office, we also pause to remember the character, integrity, and unpretentiousness that marked all aspects of the life of the man from Grand Rapids; and

Whereas, In an age in which people seem to think heroes must come larger than life, Gerald Ford was a truly remarkable man. Raised in Grand Rapids and educated at the University of Michigan, Gerald Ford was driven by a strong sense of service to others, which took him to war, to Congress for a quarter century, and, ultimately, to the Oval Office. In each setting, he brought a commonsense approach to intractable problems and an unshakable commitment to duty; and

Whereas, Few American presidents have been called upon to lead during more complex times than Mr. Ford; certainly no one ever came to the job as he did. Against this backdrop, President Ford made difficult decisions with a moral compass that was unfailing. At a time when our country needed just such gifts, Gerald Ford displayed the loyalty of an Eagle Scout, the sense of teamwork of a star athlete, the patriotism of a World War II veteran, and the warmth of a devoted husband and loving family man. Michigan will be forever proud to claim him as one of our own; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Gerald R. Ford, the 38th President of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Ford family as evidence of the esteem that will always be held for the memory of President Gerald R. Ford by the people of Michigan.