

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 344

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

1 A resolution of tribute to offered as a memorial for Victor
2 Krause, former member of the House of Representatives.

3 Whereas, The members of this legislative body were saddened to
4 learn of the passing of Victor Krause. He will be remembered as a
5 deeply compassionate and highly dedicated public servant who cared
6 greatly about improving the lives of his constituents in Kent
7 County and the people of the entire state; and

8 Whereas, Victor Krause was born in Grand Rapids in 1935. He
9 spent much of his childhood in Rockford, where he attended Rockford
10 Public Schools and worked at the family business, Wolverine
11 Worldwide. After graduating from Rockford High School in 1953, he
12 went on to earn a bachelor's degree in business administration from

1 the University of Michigan in 1957. Later that year, he joined the
2 United States Navy, where he proudly served his country for four
3 years, eventually retiring as a Lieutenant Junior Grade. After
4 returning home, he took on various leadership roles at Wolverine
5 Worldwide, including serving as the Hush Puppies Brand Manager and
6 the Vice President of the International Division. He used his keen
7 business savvy and impressive leadership skills to expand the
8 business's reach and recognition around the world. He later founded
9 an independent business travel agency, Krause Travel, Inc, and also
10 served as the Area Vice President of the American Cancer Society.
11 In 1982, driven largely by his passion to improve the lives of the
12 people and the world around him, Victor Krause ran for public
13 office; and

14 Whereas, Victor Krause served as a member of the House of
15 Representatives from 1983 to 1990. During his time in the
16 Legislature, he served with distinction as the Minority Vice Chair
17 of the House Committee on Public Utilities, as well as a member of
18 the Committees on Constitutional Revision and Women's Rights;
19 Corporations and Finance; and Public Health. He became known as a
20 champion for quality-of-life issues such as economic stability,
21 public school finance, and long-term care. His unwavering integrity
22 and impressive ability to work across the political spectrum earned
23 him the respect of his colleagues and constituents; and

24 Whereas, After retiring from public office, Victor Krause
25 continued to serve his community in other capacities. He took on
26 leadership roles at various non-profit organizations, such as the
27 Hearing Loss Association of America; Metro Health Foundation; Grand
28 Rapids Youth Commonwealth, and numerous other organizations. In
29 2012, in recognition of his many accomplishments, he was inducted

1 into the Rockford Hall of Fame; and

2 Whereas, Upon his passing, we offer condolences to Victor
3 Krause's family and friends. We hope they find comfort in the
4 knowledge that Victor Krause's many contributions to his community,
5 state, and country have made a lasting legacy in which all who knew
6 him can take pride; now, therefore, be it

7 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this
8 expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Victor
9 Krause, a member of the House of Representatives from 1983 to 1990;
10 and be it further

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