

Rep. Rivet offered the following memorial resolution:

House Resolution No. 56.

A resolution offered as a memorial for Leonard F. Klida, Jr.

Whereas, The recent passing of Leonard F. Klida, Jr., the Bangor Township Fire Chief, has deeply saddened those whose lives he touched throughout his life. In remembrance of him and as an expression of our condolences to his, wife, Dawn, daughters, Marcie, Amanda, and Danielle, his entire family and his brothers-in-service at Bangor Township Fire Department, we join in offering this resolution as a symbol of our respect; and

Whereas, Leonard F. Klida, Jr. was born and lived his entire life in Bay City. He graduated from Bay City All Saints High School and received an Associates Degree in Fire Science from Delta College. Len began his career as a volunteer fire fighter for the Frankenlust Fire Department in 1978. He joined the Bangor Township Fire Department as a full-time firefighter in 1982, becoming Fire Chief in 2001. Len taught officer and firefighter training classes at Delta College and throughout the state and was a state licensed EMT. He was a member of numerous firefighter organizations and was the recipient of the Distinguished Public Service Award for heroism in 1990; and

Whereas, Leonard F. Klida, Jr. was very active in community affairs, belonging to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, John Glenn Booster Club and the Snowmobilers Association. He was a member and lay minister of the Church of St. Boniface. Surely, we all have the desire to be remembered by those we encounter along life's journey, and for Leonard F. Klida, that is exactly the case; and

Whereas, Many considered Leonard F. Klida, Jr. a hero for his chosen profession as a firefighter. He was also a hero when not at work. Len was an example to anyone who strives to be a good family man. He had a deep concern for his community and all its people. His caring manner led to the positive growth of many organizations in Bay County; and

Whereas, Leonard F. Klida, Jr. had an unassuming leadership style and a tremendous positive impact on the lives of all he came in contact with. He was a rare person who you could truly count on. Many hold fond memories of him and admired him for his tireless efforts, his dependability, and commitment to addressing the needs of his community and state. We pay homage to his life and memory and honor those who were closest to him. We wish them comfort in their memories of a fine man, outstanding citizen and public servant; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body offer this memorial resolution to the family of Leonard F. Klida, Jr. May they know that the people of the State of Michigan have long held their public servants in the highest esteem. We wish to convey our respect, admiration, and gratitude; and be it

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the family of Leonard F. Klida, Jr. as evidence of our sincerest condolences.