

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

**House Resolution No. 328.**

A resolution for the Honorable Jim Plakas.

Whereas, It is with admiration for his consistent efforts to represent the needs and concerns of his district and our state that we salute Representative Plakas as he concludes his service to the Michigan House of Representatives. His belief in our system of government and enthusiasm for representing the concerns of each and every citizen have benefited our state; and

Whereas, Representative Plakas's work experience and public service proved to be valuable in his role as a Michigan policy maker. He received his education from numerous trade schools and community colleges in the areas of tool and die and engineering. Representative Plakas used this education and training to become a successful product design engineer for Ford Motor Company. Representative Plakas also has a broad history of public service. He served our country in the Korean War as a member of the U.S. Army's Counter Intelligence Corps. This public-minded gentleman has extensive community service experience, including efforts with the Garden City Council, as Garden City Mayor, and on various boards, along with charitable efforts through the Masons and Shriners, among other organizations; and

Whereas, In all of his legislative duties, Representative Plakas focused his attention on ascertaining and understanding the impact of public policies on the daily lives of the citizens of this state. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, including the School Aid, Agriculture, and Transportation Subcommittees, Representative Plakas devoted considerable thought and action to improve our educational system and preserve and promote new opportunities for economic development in communities across the state. His earnest attention to these concerns benefited the citizens of his Wayne County district and beyond; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Jim Plakas for his notable contributions to this legislative body and to our entire state; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Plakas as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes.