

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

House Resolution No. 159.

A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Herb Kehrl, member of the House of Representatives.

Whereas, The members of this legislative body and staff throughout the Capitol were shocked and saddened to learn of the passing of our friend and colleague Herb Kehrl, State Representative from the 56th District. His untimely demise creates a genuine loss for our state and for everyone fortunate enough to have known or worked with this talented and unselfish gentleman; and

Whereas, Although his career as a lawmaker was just beginning, Herb Kehrl's commitment to strengthening our state began long ago. It spanned a lifetime. For nearly three decades, he worked with the rising generations, as a government and history teacher and principal in the Airport Community Schools and as a principal in the Woodhaven-Brownstown School District. His devotion to building a stronger community and state was also evident in his commitment through the Michigan Higher Education Facilities Authority, the Monroe County Mental Health Authority, Habitat for Humanity, and his church; and

Whereas, With his first session day on January 12, 2005, Representative Kehrl fulfilled a dream that began when he himself was a student visiting this magnificent building. In his all-too-brief tenure, he demonstrated a passion for legislative responsibilities that reflected both pride and awe. Representative Kehrl met each task before him, whether engaging in committee work, conferring with a colleague on the floor, or calling a constituent, with enthusiasm and respect for others and for the legislative process. This example will long serve to benefit the people of Michigan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of our friend and colleague, the Honorable Herb Kehrl, State Representative from the 56th District; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to his wife, Karen, and their daughters as evidence of the lasting esteem that will be held for his memory throughout our state.