

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

House Resolution No. 236.

A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for George C. Furton, former member of the House of Representatives.

Whereas, The members of the Michigan Legislature were disheartened by the loss of George C. Furton, whose love of family and community was real and deeply rooted in his heart and soul. A man of conviction and compassion, he gave freely of his time and talents to those who could benefit the most. To his friends and family, we extend our deepest sympathies; and

Whereas, George C. Furton personified the true sense of self-sacrifice for the betterment of others. Having served in the Asia-Pacific Theater in the Army during World War II, he returned home to Chesterfield Township in Macomb County. Throughout his long and distinguished career of public service, he served as township treasurer, township trustee, the township's first full-time fire chief, and State Representative. Having spearheaded the organization of the Chesterfield Historical Society and later serving as its president, Mr. Furton supervised the relocation of the "Little Red Schoolhouse" and the "Log Cabin" to a site at the township's municipal offices; and

Whereas, In Macomb County, George C. Furton was a highly respected and successful entrepreneur. For more than 40 years, he owned and operated his own real estate firm. He also founded the Chesterfield Business Association, served as director and president of the Macomb County Board of Realtors, and was director of the Michigan Association of Realtors. Further, he was an avid aviator, serving in the Civil Air Patrol, the Air Force's civilian auxiliary, and attaining the rank of lieutenant colonel; and

Whereas, A longtime benefactor of numerous charities and worthwhile community causes, George C. Furton leaves a distinguished legacy; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we extend this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of George C. Furton, a member of this legislative body from 1985 to 1986; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Furton family as evidence of our lasting respect for his memory.