

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

House Resolution No. 319.

A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Ruth B. McNamee, former member of the House.

Whereas, It is with great admiration for her exemplary life in public service and her 10 years of dedication to this legislative body that we pause to mark the passing of Ruth B. McNamee. This talented and unselfish woman exerted a strong positive impact through her activism in all aspects of community life in Birmingham and left this state far stronger because of her energy and integrity; and

Whereas, A native of New York City who was educated at Bucknell University, Ruth McNamee was prominent in a wide array of civic, educational, church, and charitable endeavors. This affinity for helping others led to her pursuit of elective service. She distinguished herself as a council member and mayor of Birmingham, as a member of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, and as an appointee to commissions on women and local government by Governors Romney and Milliken; and

Whereas, In 1974, she was elected to the first of five consecutive terms in the Michigan House of Representatives. As a lawmaker, her thoughtfulness and experiences proved most valuable as the state coped with major changes in the domestic auto industry. Representative McNamee will also always be remembered for her courageous stand on legislation that was part of the national debate over whether there should be a federal constitutional convention to address deficit spending. In this debate, her graceful bearing belied a steely strength of principle that was a hallmark of her public life; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Ruth B. McNamee, a member of this legislative body from 1975 to 1984; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to her family as evidence of the respect that will always be held for her memory throughout Michigan.