

SR-229, As Adopted by Senate, November 13, 2008

Senators Brater, Schauer, Clark-Coleman, Richardville, Jansen, Patterson, Anderson, Basham, Jacobs, Scott, Cherry, Prusi, Hunter, Clarke, Bishop, Cropsey, Whitmer, Switalski and Olshove offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 229.

A resolution to memorialize the United States House of Representatives to retain the Honorable John Dingell as the chair of the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Whereas, Over the course of his remarkable career as a member of the United States House of Representatives, John Dingell has exerted an impact that has strengthened our nation and safeguarded our people in many ways. His unprecedented tenure of leadership has had a profound impact in such fundamental policy areas as environmental protection, energy, health care, and commerce. The "Dean of the House," Representative Dingell has amassed a record unparalleled in scope and depth; and

Whereas, John Dingell's effectiveness in marshaling support among his colleagues for vitally important legislation is well established. He has been essential, as an author and co-author, in the crafting of many of the nation's most important environmental and conservation laws. These included not only landmark legislation dealing with brownfield revitalization, safe drinking water, and hazardous and solid waste handling, but also lead exposure reduction, weatherization grants, and energy conservation; and

Whereas, Several pressing problems facing our nation at this critical time are policy areas that have long been the focus of Representative Dingell's diligence. Health care, including treatment standards, patient rights, and access for children have long been championed by this tenacious public servant. Moreover, at a juncture where the very survival of America's large manufacturing industry is in peril, John Dingell brings a breadth of knowledge to these challenges that is unsurpassed. Clearly, his grasp of key issues and his ability to get results are needed more than ever as the chair of the Energy and Commerce Committee; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the United States House of Representatives to retain the Honorable John Dingell as the chair of the Energy and Commerce Committee; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.