

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

House Resolution No. 281.

A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Richard D. Buth, former member of the House of Representatives.

Whereas, It is with great appreciation for his life of service to his community, state, and country that we offer this expression of respect for the memory of Richard D. Buth, a member of the Seventy-seventh Legislature. His legacy of unselfishness and responsibility set a standard of citizenship well known to the people of his West Michigan community and deeply appreciated by all who worked with him; and

Whereas, Richard Buth earned his bachelor's degree from Michigan State University before his own plans, like so many others, were interrupted by World War II, when he served in the Navy. After returning to civilian life, he continued to serve his fellow citizens as a teacher, farmer, and civic leader, especially in education. His integrity and strong personal sense of duty were evident in everything he did, from his 20 years teaching and coaching at Comstock High School to his service as a trustee in Plainfield Township to his work as a member, and eventually as the chair, of the Kent County Board of Commissioners; and

Whereas, Elected in 1972, Representative Richard Buth carried out his legislative duties with the same diligence he brought to every task before him. His term included service to committees dealing with higher education, urban affairs, retirement, and public safety. Richard Buth's unselfishness, best known by the family that was the center of his life, clearly served our state well in many ways; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Richard D. Buth, a member of this legislative body from 1973 to 1974; and be it further

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