

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

House Resolution No. 366.

A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Edward H. Fenlon, former member of the House of Representatives.

Whereas, With news of the recent passing of Edward H. Fenlon, we are reminded of the long tradition of service that has been built here and the challenge before us to follow the example of his commitment to this state. To Ned Fenlon's family, we offer this expression of our condolences and our gratitude for the long years he devoted to the people of Michigan; and

Whereas, Ned Fenlon was a gentleman whose colorful life spanned virtually the entire twentieth century and Michigan's transition from the horse and buggy days to the digital age. He worked in his family store as a boy and learned the language of the local Native Americans, worked on boats at Mackinac Island, and studied at the University of Notre Dame, Saint Louis University, and LaSalle University; and

Whereas, In 1933, in a special election, Ned Fenlon was elected to the first of his three terms with the Michigan House of Representatives. His tenure as a lawmaker spanned the nation's most difficult economic crisis. His service included his leadership in seeking to bring to reality the age-old dream of connecting Michigan's two peninsulas. While the legislation and initiative he spearheaded were thwarted by World War II, his work helped lay the groundwork for the eventual construction of the Mackinac Bridge; and

Whereas, Following his service at the Capitol, Ned Fenlon distinguished himself as Mackinac County's prosecutor prior to his appointment in 1952 as a Circuit Court Judge by G. Mennen Williams, a post he filled with great effectiveness until his 1971 retirement; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Edward H. Fenlon, a member of this legislative body from 1933 to 1938; and be it further

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