

**SR-65, As Adopted by Senate, June 18, 2009**

Senator Bishop offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 65.**

A resolution to honor the memory of Carl D. Pursell, a former member of the Michigan Senate and the United States House of Representatives.

Whereas, With the passing of Carl D. Pursell, Michigan has lost a gentleman of strong commitment and service who compiled an exemplary record in public life and strengthened his community, state, and nation. This man of loyalty and unselfishness demonstrated the highest standards of leadership, and his contributions will long enrich Michigan and the lives of all who knew him; and

Whereas, A native of Imlay City, Carl Pursell earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from his beloved Eastern Michigan University; served his country in the United States Army; and worked as a teacher and businessman before turning his talents and focus to service through elective office. Following a term on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners from 1969 to 1970, he brought his experiences and strong personal sense of duty to Lansing and the Michigan Senate in 1971; and

Whereas, During his six years at the State Capitol, Mr. Pursell demonstrated a keen understanding of the issues facing this state, and his insights on the Senate Appropriations Committee earned him widespread respect. In 1976, he was elected to Congress for the first of his eight consecutive terms. With the House of Representatives, where he was most noted for his leadership as the ranking member of his party on the House Education Subcommittee and for his advocacy for the profession of nursing, Carl Pursell never lost his deep understanding of the challenges facing his constituents and the places they worked; and

Whereas, Another measure of the depth of his devotion to others was Carl Pursell's continuing dedication to the rising generations through his service on the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents from 1993 to 2000 and the generosity he and his wife Peggy extended through the several scholarships they endowed at the university; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Carl D. Pursell, a member of this legislative body from 1971 to 1976 and a member of the United States House of Representatives from 1977 to 1992; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Pursell family as evidence of the esteem that will long be held for his memory.