

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

House Resolution No. 310.

A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Marvin Leonel Esch, former member of the House of Representatives.

Whereas, With the passing of Marvin Leonel Esch, Michigan and our country have lost a gentleman of great unselfishness and service. To the family that was the center of his life and his many friends across this state, we extend our sincere condolences; and

Whereas, Like so many of his generation, Marvin Esch's life was touched by World War II. A veteran who served in the Army, Marvin Esch had earlier served with the U.S. Maritime Service and was aboard a Liberty Ship when it struck a German mine in the Atlantic and he was forced into a lifeboat. This devotion to his country remained a hallmark of his entire life; and

Whereas, A graduate of the University of Michigan who earned bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees there, Marvin Esch was fiercely loyal to the Maize and Blue his entire life. Prior to entering elective service, he taught at his alma mater and at Wayne State University. In 1964, his strong sense of public duty led to him to the Michigan House of Representatives, where he served during a legislature that implemented many of the provisions of the new Michigan Constitution. In 1966, he was elected to the first of his five terms in the United States House of Representatives; and

Whereas, Congressman Esch was at the center of many of the key issues at a volatile time in our nation's history. He worked on the transition to a volunteer military and fought racial discrimination in our education system. Even after he left the House, he continued his contributions as an education advisor to Presidents Reagan and George H. W. Bush. He also devoted himself to civic and charitable initiatives. Clearly, Marvin Esch displayed a loyalty to service to his country and community that will long be felt; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Marvin Leonel Esch, a member of this legislative body from 1965 to 1966 and a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1967 to 1976; and be it further

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