

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

House Resolution No. 422.

A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Robert S. Gilbert, former member of the House of Representatives.

Whereas, It is with great sadness that this legislative body learned of the passing of former state representative and judge Robert S. Gilbert. A loyal family man and a respected public servant, Bob Gilbert served the people of Saginaw County in many capacities for nearly forty years; and

Whereas, A native of Saginaw, Bob Gilbert graduated from Arthur Hill High School in 1945. Following graduation, he joined the Army Air Corps and would rise to the rank of sergeant before his discharge in 1947. A proud alumnus of the University of Michigan, he would go on to earn both his bachelor's and law degrees from that institution. Upon graduation, he became an assistant prosecuting attorney for Saginaw County. In 1956, he was elected to represent the city of Saginaw in the House of Representatives, following in the legislative footsteps of his father; and

Whereas, For four years, Bob Gilbert honorably served the people of Saginaw as its state representative. During his tenure, he served on the Judiciary, Military and Veterans Affairs, Public Utilities, Aeronautics, City Corporations, and Supplies and Expenditures committees. In 1960, he chose not to seek re-election and ended his legislative career to return to private practice and his young family; and

Whereas, Bob Gilbert's legislative tenure was only the beginning of a long career in public service. In 1966, he was elected Saginaw County probate judge. Fourteen years later, he was elected as a circuit court judge. Remembered as a fair, reasonable, and respectful judge, he became a staunch advocate for youth and for the judicial and legal system. Even after his retirement in 1992, he would lead school tours of the courthouse; and

Whereas, Saginaw County and the state of Michigan have lost a dedicated public servant and one of its distinguished gentleman. However, his memory will live on, not only among his family and friends, but within this legislative body and the courts that he served so well; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Robert S. Gilbert, a member of this legislative body from 1957 to 1960; and be it further

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