

Senator Richardville offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 84.

A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for David A. Plawecki, former member of the Senate.

Whereas, This legislative body was saddened to learn of the passing of David A. Plawecki. A native of the Detroit area, he represented for twelve years the people of Dearborn Heights and nearby communities in the 12th Senate District. His legacy as an advocate for workers and good government remains strong today and will not soon be forgotten; and

Whereas, David Plawecki was first elected to the Senate in 1970 at the age of 22, the youngest person ever elected to this legislative body. For the next twelve years, he would be a champion for the average worker and a strong advocate for open government. Notably, he sponsored Michigan's Open Meetings Act and co-sponsored the Employee Right to Know Act that still bears his name. Recognized during his tenure as one of Michigan's best legislators, he served as the chair of the Senate Committee on Labor for eight years and rose to the position of Senate Majority Floor Leader. His time in this legislative body ended after his unsuccessful gubernatorial bid in 1982; and

Whereas, Senator Plawecki's years in the Senate were only the beginning of a long and distinguished career. For the next 24 years, he worked for the state of Michigan on unemployment issues, eventually becoming the deputy director of the Department of Labor and Economic Growth. Upon his retirement in 2006, he could proudly look back on his achievements battling business employment tax evasion, preventing unemployment insurance fraud, and empowering unemployed workers; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of David A. Plawecki, a member of this legislative body from 1971 to 1982; and be it further

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