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

House Resolution No. 189.

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

Whereas, It is with great sadness that the members of this legislative body learned of the passing of Alvin H. Kukuk. He was an active and determined legislator whose diverse expertise made him an effective champion for the people of the Thirty-third District and the entire state; and

Whereas, Alvin H. Kukuk developed strong ties to his community well before he entered public life. He attended Macomb County Community College, became a certified associated engineering technician, earned his real estate license, and owned his own small business. He also served seven years in the Michigan National Guard's 182nd Field Artillery Battalion; and

Whereas, Prior to his election to the House of Representatives in 1992, Alvin H. Kukuk welcomed the chance to improve his community, taking on numerous important roles, such as Macomb Township Inspector, Macomb Township Clerk, Macomb Township Supervisor, and Macomb County Commissioner. Additionally, he was a member of the volunteer fire department in Macomb Township, served as the Treasurer for the Macomb Township Economic Development Corporation, and was a part of the Macomb Intermediate School District School Improvement Plan Advisory Committee; and

Whereas, Alvin H. Kukuk's knowledge of a wide range of issues and hands-on experience in the public and private sectors made him a valuable member of the House of Representatives during his six years in Lansing. His life in business, the armed services, and local government prepared him to sponsor more than a dozen public acts on topics that touched nearly every aspect of life in Michigan. His committee responsibilities were no less diverse, as he served on the Business and Finance; Commerce; Economic Development; Education; Insurance; and Public Utilities committees, as well as taking on the role of minority vice-chair of the Marine Affairs and Port Development Committee and vice-chair of the Transportation Committee during his time in the House; and

Whereas, Alvin H. Kukuk was a steadfast public servant who was deeply committed to improving the lives of his constituents. Upon his passing, we offer our condolences to his family and friends. We hope that they may find comfort in the knowledge that the community as a whole shares in their bereavement and that the legacy of Alvin H. Kukuk's contributions will long continue to enrich our state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Alvin H. Kukuk, a member of this legislative body from 1993 to 1998; and be it further

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