

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

House Resolution No. 431.

A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Michael J. Bennane, former member of the House of Representatives.

Whereas, The members of this legislative body are saddened by the news of the recent passing of former Representative Michael J. Bennane. This distinguished and well-respected gentleman dedicated many years of service to this legislative body and the citizens of this state; and

Whereas, Elected to the House of Representatives in 1976, Michael Bennane served the people of Michigan for two decades. He was a staunch advocate and voice for the people of his hometown Detroit, contributing significantly to the legislative process in a host of leadership capacities including as an advocate for urban and health policy issues. A graduate of Wayne State University where he also earned a degree in law, Michael Bennane made an early impression on the lives of young people through his involvement as a mentor, a coach, and active community servant; and

Whereas, Michael Bennane demonstrated strong leadership and engagement on numerous committees, including as Chair of the Committee on Urban Affairs and later as Chair of the Public Health Committee. He was also elected Associate Speaker Pro Tempore for two terms in a row. After his career in the legislature, he practiced law for a number of years, later serving as an administrative law judge for the City of Detroit, and retired in 2017. May the memory of his contributions to the "Motor City" and to the citizens of this state be a measure of solace for his family; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of honor to the memory of Michael J. Bennane, a member of this legislative body from 1977 to 1996; and be it further

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