

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33

Senator Shirkey offered the following concurrent resolution:

1 A concurrent resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for
2 Morris Hood III, former member of the House of Representatives and
3 the Senate.

4 Whereas, The members of the Michigan Legislature were saddened
5 to learn of the passing of our friend and former colleague, Morris
6 Hood III. A dedicated mentor and advocate for the communities of
7 Detroit, Dearborn, Melvindale, and our state, he was known to care
8 deeply for others; and

9 Whereas, Morris Hood III, a lifelong Detroiter, grew up in a
10 family committed to public service. Before getting elected to
11 public office, he worked as a manufacturing technician at Ford
12 Motor Company. As a legislator, Morris Hood III valued creating
13 relationships on both sides of the aisle and was well-respected by
14 his colleagues; and

1 Whereas, Morris Hood III followed his father, Morris Hood Jr.,
2 into public service. He was first elected to the House of
3 Representatives in 2002 where he served until 2008. He was a valued
4 member of the Legislative Black Caucus. During his time in the
5 House, he served in numerous leadership capacities, including
6 Assistant Associate Floor Leader, chair of the House Appropriations
7 Committee's Fiscal Oversight and Joint Capital Outlay
8 subcommittees, and minority vice-chair of the Insurance Committee.
9 He was also a valued member of the Appropriation Committee's
10 subcommittee on Community Health, and the committees on
11 Transportation; Employment Relations, Training, and Safety; Higher
12 Education; Criminal Justice; Television and Oversight, and
13 Oversight and Investigations; and

14 Whereas, After serving three terms in the House, Morris Hood
15 III was elected to the Senate in 2010 where he served until 2018.
16 He served as Minority Floor Leader, minority vice-chair of the
17 Appropriations Committee's Capital Outlay, Higher Education, and
18 Retirement subcommittees, and vice-chair of the Transportation,
19 Infrastructure Modernization, Joint Committee on Administrative
20 Rules, and Elections and Government Reform committees. He was also
21 a valuable member of the committees on Natural Resources,
22 Environment and Great Lakes and Government Operations, as well as
23 the Legislative Council and Senate Fiscal Agency Board of
24 Governors. During his last Senate term, he underwent a kidney
25 transplant. While still at the hospital, his colleagues celebrated
26 the successful surgery and one colleague requested a moment of
27 silence for the departed kidney. This experience led him to become
28 a tireless advocate for organ donation and transplant service; and

29 Whereas, Throughout his fourteen years in the Legislature, he

1 fought tirelessly and passionately for workers and students, but
2 his ability to remain calm during the most heated debates was
3 legendary. Morris Hood III was known for his personal connections
4 with his colleagues. He used the loss of his wife, Angela, in 2013
5 to encourage others to be intentional in their expressions of love
6 with family and friends. Often, he would give a speech before a
7 break reminding everyone to cherish and "hug the ones you love."
8 His compassion and humanity were tremendous assets to the members
9 of the Legislature and the people of this state; and

10 Whereas, Morris Hood III was a true public servant and
11 community advocate who was invested in improving the lives of
12 people. Upon his passing, we offer our condolences to his family
13 and friends. We hope that they may find comfort in the knowledge
14 that the community as a whole shares in their bereavement and that
15 the legacy of Morris Hood's contributions will long continue to
16 enrich our state; now, therefore, be it

17 Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives
18 concurring), That we offer this expression of our highest tribute
19 to honor the memory of Morris Hood III, a member of the House of
20 Representatives from 2003 to 2008 and the Senate from 2011 to 2018;
21 and be it further

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