

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

House Resolution No. 255.

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

Whereas, The members of this legislative body and many at the state capitol were saddened to learn of the passing of Thomas H. Kelly. This genial Irishman, remembered fondly by his colleagues for his integrity and sense of duty, touched the lives of many in his Wayne County community and across our state; and

Whereas, Raised in New York City and educated at Fordham University and Long Island University, Thomas Kelly served his country for 4 years in the United States Air Force before embarking on a career as a teacher, advocate of libraries, and public servant. As the library director for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, assistant professor at Henry Ford Community College, and library technician, he had a deep appreciation of the challenges and opportunities of our information age. This insight served him well in his local government and legislative responsibilities; and

Whereas, Prior to his first election to the House of Representatives in 1994, Mr. Kelly had distinguished himself in his 12 years on the Wayne City Council, his leadership with the Nankin Transit Commission, his efforts with SEMCOG, and his involvement in a variety of civic groups. Throughout his three terms in Lansing, Representative Kelly earned respect for his thorough approach to the legislative process. His voice was especially valued on transportation issues and his work on the House Appropriations Committee. The example of his effectiveness and commitment will long be remembered and deeply appreciated; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Thomas H. Kelly, a member of this legislative body from 1995 to 2000; and be it further

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