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A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF

Rolland "Bob" Lyons
of Ann Arbor, Michigan

HON. NICK SMITH
OF MICHIGAN
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Madam Speaker: I rise today to honor and remember Rolland "Bob" Lyons who lost his struggle with cancer June 17th 2004. Bob was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan and lived in several Michigan cities before graduating from Kalamazoo High School in 1948. He served his country in Korea as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army. A graduate of the University of Michigan he founded Michigan Trenching Service Inc. and became a prime contractor for service companies. Although he was highly successful businessman he humbly referred to himself as, "just a ditch digger from Ann Arbor."

Bob Lyons inspired optimism and a community minded spirit that has left a lasting mark on those who were fortunate enough to have known him. Bob's commitment to improving society can be seen through his membership on the Mackinac Center Board of Directors. However, he will best be remembered for his boundless energy and commitment to numerous causes—Cleary University, St. Joseph Hospital, Boy Scouts, the Hands on Museum and others. Bob Lyons' humor and outgoing personality made him a

natural at fund-raisers and political events where he was a regular. He recruited, encouraged, supported and helped elect numerous political candidates.

Bob was passionate for his causes and was a role model for all of us who seek to improve our communities. Thank you, Bob, for all you did for us—you will be remembered fondly. We offer our condolences to your beloved wife Jan, daughter Suezahn, son Rob. Your service to your community and country will be remembered.


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