

# Special Tribute to

## John Broge

### Hometown Hero

LET IT BE KNOWN, That we are proud to join with the citizens of the downriver area and all of Michigan in recognizing John Broge. It is with deep appreciation for the hard work, leadership, and pride that he has brought to our great state, that we express our sincere gratitude.

For many years, John Broge pursued his passion of powerboat racing. For many years and to many fans, he instilled pride as he continued to achieve greatness in his sport. Yet he never sought the acclaim he so rightly deserves. It has been said of this mark of a true hero:

“Success is achievable without public recognition, and the world has many unsung heroes. The teacher who inspires you to pursue your education to your ultimate ability is a success. The parents who taught you the noblest human principles are a success. The coach who shows you the importance of teamwork is a success. The spiritual leader who instills in you spiritual values and faith is a success. The relatives, friends, and neighbors with whom you develop a reciprocal relationship of respect and support--they, too, are successes. The most menial workers can properly consider themselves successful if they perform their best and if the product of their work is of service to humanity.”--Michael DeBakey, M.D.

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, **Therefore, we celebrate John Broge.** We join with you on this day as the community rallies around one of the area’s finest citizens. May he take comfort in the warmth and love of family and friends, old and new, as Mr. Broge sets about writing another exciting chapter in his life. For we are confident that Mr. Broge will continue to be a shining light for Michigan in any passion he follows. His example will continue to be one to which we all must strive. He is Michigan’s hometown hero who makes us look inside and makes us want to be great.

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The Seventh District

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Raymond Basham, State Senator  
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