



# *PROCLAMATION*

*Whereas,* John D. Dingell, Jr. has embodied a life of dedicated public service for the betterment of Michigan and her citizens; and

*Whereas,* John's long history in public service ranged from working as a forest ranger to a 29-term Congressman; and

*Whereas,* Over the 59 years that John represented a downriver district of Michigan in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1955 to 2015, the longest-serving Congressperson in U.S. history, John mentored and collaborated with many individuals who went on to make their own impact on public policy; and

*Whereas,* John was known as a moderate Democrat whose impact on the well-being of Michigan and the nation was felt beyond his roles on the House subcommittees on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade; Communications and Technology; Energy and Power; Environment and Economy; Health; Oversight and Investigations; and

*Whereas,* John played important roles in enactment of Medicare, the Clean Water Act, and the Endangered Species Act; he was an advocate for the automotive industry; and he championed the need for universal health care for many years before the Affordable Care Act; and

*Whereas,* John retired from public service, but not from public life; his sparkling wit and commentary on policymaking, plus his instinctive understanding of Internet humor, make his Twitter account a must-follow for several hundred thousand followers;

***NOW, THEREFORE,*** The Citizens Research Council celebrates John's accomplishments and honors him with the "Eugene A. Gargaro Jr. Public Service Award" on this Thursday, September 20, 2018.