



# *PROCLAMATION*

*Whereas,* Paul C. Hillegonds has embodied a life of dedicated public service to the betterment of Michigan and her citizens; and

*Whereas,* Paul represented a West Michigan district in the Michigan House of Representatives from 1979 to 1996, where he served as Republican Leader, Co-Speaker, and Speaker of the House until being term-limited out of elected office; and

*Whereas,* Paul worked closely with leaders in the business community on policy and economic development issues, serving from 1997-2005 as CEO of Detroit Renaissance, and from 2005-2014, as Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs at DTE Energy until his retirement; and

*Whereas,* Paul, after his retirement in 2015, was named CEO of the Michigan Health Endowment Fund, created by state legislation to advance the health and wellness of Michiganders, particularly the state's seniors, children, and low-income residents; and

*Whereas,* Paul currently serves as board chair for the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan and as a trustee on the boards of the Kresge Foundation and the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan, and has been a member of the board of trustees for the Citizens Research Council of Michigan since 2005,

***NOW, THEREFORE,*** The Citizens Research Council celebrates Paul's accomplishments and honors him with the first "Eugene A. Gargaro Jr. Public Service Award" on this Wednesday, September 27, 2017.