



PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,* Daniel Kildee has devoted his life to public service for the betterment of Michigan and her citizens; and
- Whereas,* Dan continued a family legacy of civic engagement when, in 1977, at 18 years of age, he was successfully elected to the Flint Board of Education; and
- Whereas,* In 1984, Dan took his skills to a larger jurisdiction when he was elected to the Genesee County Board of Commissioners, where he served for 12 years; and
- Whereas,* In 1996, Dan transitioned from the legislative branch of county government to the executive branch with his election to the office of Genesee County Treasurer; and
- Whereas,* During Dan's 16 years as County Treasurer, he helped to create the Genesee County Land Bank, the first community land bank in the United States, as a tool to help clean up vacant and abandoned structures and return properties to productive use; and
- Whereas,* In 2012, Dan took his talents to a yet larger jurisdiction with his election to represent Michigan's 5th Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives; and
- Whereas,* Dan's tenure in Congress was highlighted by his important roles on the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on the Budget; and
- Whereas,* Dan was able to leverage his position and leadership in the U.S. House to secure much-needed federal emergency aid to Flint to fund infrastructure improvements after lead was found to have leached into the water lines;

NOW, THEREFORE, Citizens Research Council celebrates Dan's accomplishments and honors him with the "Eugene A. Gargaro, Jr. Public Service Award" on this Wednesday, September 30, 2026.