



PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,* Fred Upton has devoted his life to public service for the betterment of Michigan and her citizens; and
- Whereas,* Fred is a Michigan man through and through, having been born and raised in St. Joseph and matriculating at the University of Michigan; and
- Whereas,* Shortly after graduating from Michigan, Fred began his life in public service by joining the staff of U.S. Representative David Stockman, and following Mr. Stockman to the Office of Management and Budget under President Ronald Reagan; and
- Whereas,* In 1986, Fred parlayed his time as a legislative staff member and aide to OMB Director Stockman to campaign and win election to the U.S. House of Representatives representing Michigan's 4th Congressional District; and
- Whereas,* Fred represented Michigan interests serving as Chair of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, having dealt with matters concerning energy, health care, the environment, telecommunications, commerce, manufacturing, and trade, as well as oversight and investigations; and
- Whereas,* Fred built a reputation in his district and in the halls of the Capitol as someone who would work to get things done regardless of the political party of others involved in the efforts, marked by his participation in the Congressional Problem Solvers Caucus that worked in a bipartisan fashion to address the nation's problems; and
- Whereas,* Fred recently retired from the U.S. House after serving 18 terms and can enjoy time with his family and friends;

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