

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.189

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Daniel S.
2 Paletko, former member of the House of Representatives.

3 Whereas, It was with great sorrow that the members of the
4 House of Representatives learned about the passing of Daniel
5 Paletko. He will be remembered as a dedicated public servant by his
6 constituents in Southeast Michigan and the people of the state of
7 Michigan; and

8 Whereas, From the beginning of his professional career, Daniel
9 Paletko demonstrated a deep commitment to his hometown of Dearborn
10 Heights. After earning a bachelor's degree in business
11 administration from the University of Michigan and master's degrees
12 from the University of Detroit and Wayne State University, Daniel

1 Paletko worked as a certified public accountant in his community
2 and as a financial manager for Ford Motor Company. He was a member
3 of several community organizations, including the Michigan
4 Association of CPAs, Redford Township Chamber of Commerce, Dearborn
5 Heights Goodfellows, Knights of Columbus, and St. Linus Parish.
6 From 1974 to 2002, he served his community as a member of the
7 Dearborn Heights City Council; and

8 Whereas, Daniel Paletko was elected to the House of
9 Representatives in 2002 to serve the Seventeenth District. During
10 his time in office, Rep. Paletko was a member of the Appropriations
11 Committee and its subcommittees on Community Health, Corrections,
12 and Higher Education. Rep. Paletko sponsored bills on a wide range
13 of topics, including campaign finance and environmental protection,
14 and introduced a resolution to honor Muslims in Michigan during
15 Ramadan. Rep. Paletko's tenure in the House was short, as he was
16 appointed mayor of Dearborn Heights in January 2004 after then-
17 mayor Ruth Canfield retired, but his clear political presence in
18 the House made a significant impact on his colleagues; and

19 Whereas, Daniel Paletko served the remainder of his life as
20 mayor of Dearborn Heights. After his initial appointment, he was
21 elected to full terms in 2005, 2009, 2013 and 2017. During his long
22 tenure as mayor, he earned a reputation as a kind, open, and
23 collaborative public servant who remained dedicated to the
24 community of Dearborn Heights until his last day; and

25 Whereas, Daniel Paletko leaves behind a legacy as a passionate
26 advocate for his community and the people of Michigan, and his
27 dedication remains an example for those who have followed him into
28 public service. Paletko will also be remembered as a loving husband
29 and devoted father. May his family take some solace that his

1 efforts will long continue to enrich our state; now, therefore, be
2 it

3 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this
4 expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Daniel S.
5 Paletko, a member of the House of Representatives from 2003 to 2004;
6 and be it further

7 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
8 Paletko family as evidence of our lasting esteem for his memory.