

Senator Clark-Coleman offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 167.**

A resolution in memoriam to Dearborn Mayor Michael A. Guido.

"Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things,  
I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of thy Lord."

-- Matthew 25:23

Whereas, The members of the Michigan Senate wish to extend heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Dearborn Mayor Michael A. Guido. We respect his many contributions to the Dearborn community as a 29-year officeholder. We honor the nearly three decades he served the city of Dearborn, therefore, improving the lives of Michiganders; and

Whereas, Mayor Guido first served as a Dearborn City Council member from 1977 to 1985 and then served the people of Dearborn as mayor for six terms from 1986 to 2006. He changed the physical face and space of Dearborn, initiating projects that revived critical residential and retail areas downtown. The jewel in his development cap was the construction of the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center in 2001, the largest municipally-owned recreation center in North America; and

Whereas, A Dearborn native, Mayor Guido combined a friendly, easy-going manner with a knack for getting things done. He improved public safety by renovating the police station, creating the municipal Justice Complex, enhancing the 9-1-1-system, and providing new body armor for officers, among other changes. He implemented major road reconstructions, initiated a citywide flower planting program, built a new senior citizens center, created Veterans Plaza, automated permit scheduling for Building and Scheduling customers, oversaw the development of several residential and retail complexes, and worked closely with Ford Motor Co. as it invested \$2 billion to transform the Rouge Center into a model of sustainable manufacturing; and

Whereas, Mayor Guido was a consummate statesman, meeting with former Presidents Clinton and Bush and serving with distinction under three governors. He ensured that the people of Dearborn received seamless service no matter the political party in leadership; and

Whereas, Mayor Guido used his office to promote racial equality and equal access. His efforts to bridge the racial and socio-economic gap in his city set the standard for such work in southeastern Michigan. He was first to promote Dearborn as home to people from more than 80 different cultures, ethnic groups, and nationalities; and

Whereas, Above all, he believed that being mayor of his hometown was "the greatest job and greatest honor in the whole world." We are grateful for the legacy of service he has left for us; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we commemorate the memory of Dearborn Mayor Michael A. Guido. May his family accept this tribute as a symbol of the high regard in which his memory is held by the people of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the family of Mayor Michael A. Guido with our deepest condolences.