

HR-55, As Adopted by House, July 1, 2009

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

House Resolution No. 55.

A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Aldo Vagnozzi, former member of the House of Representatives.

Whereas, News of the passing of Aldo Vagnozzi has brought great sadness to the Capitol. Members, staff, and others involved with state government and the legislative process have lost a beloved friend, and Michigan has lost a gentleman who both found joy in and brought joy to the calling of public service. His life of commitment to others, evident in his military service, his dedication to working families, his leadership in local government and community life in Farmington Hills, and his diligence in this legislative body, will be remembered every bit as much as his ever-present smile and many kindnesses; and

Whereas, Born in Italy, Aldo Vagnozzi had an immigrant's love for this country and its ideals. He served as a sergeant in the Army during World War II, working as an interpreter for Italian prisoners of war. His return to civilian life saw him earn a bachelor's degree in journalism at Wayne State University. He then built a notable career as an editor for the *Detroit Labor News* and the *AFL-CIO News*. His background on public policy matters also included his work as a reporter covering the 1961-62 Constitutional Convention; and

Whereas, Aldo Vagnozzi distinguished himself through his efforts as a school board member, his many years on the Farmington Hills City Council, and his leadership as the mayor of Farmington Hills in 1991 and from 1995 to 1999. In 2003, he commenced the first of his 3 terms as State Representative, where his personal charm and deep passion for making state government responsive to the needs of the people earned him friends on both sides of the political aisle. Clearly, this example will not soon be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Aldo Vagnozzi, a member of this legislative body from 2003 to 2008; and be it further

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