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## District Offers Words of Sympathy for Family of Congressman Dingell

On behalf of the Board of Education, the Dearborn Public Schools offers its most sincere condolences to the family of Congressman John Dingell. The District joins with thousands of other community members in honoring this great civic leader who dedicated his life to serving his country.

“Our prayers are with Debbie and the entire Dingell family as they mourn the loss of this great American leader and the man they all loved,” commented Dearborn Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Glenn Maleyko.

Congressman Dingell made many visits to the Dearborn Public Schools over his long political career but not all his visits were ceremonial. In 2000, after two consecutive bond proposals were defeated, he joined with the Mayor, City Council President, and other civic leaders to host a special community meeting. In typical fashion for the Congressman, he started the meeting by explaining that there was no political agenda for the evening. His interest was solely to build bridges and help people come together to communicate their needs and concerns in order to strengthen the community and the school district.

“Congressman Dingell was always a strong supporter of public education and paid attention to the schools in the communities he represented,” Maleyko added. “Our country has lost a true statesman, our state a legendary leader, and for all of us in Dearborn we have lost a friend and neighbor.”

In 2010, staff, students, and community members gathered at Edsel Ford High School to dedicate the schools Freedom Wall, a collection of historical documents donated by the Exchange Club, in honor of Congressman Dingell. The documents, along with a plaque recognizing Dingell, can be found in the main hallway of the school.

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### Photo Captions

*PR 28 Dingell at EFHS Freedom Wall-* Congressman John Dingell joins school and community leaders at the dedication of the Freedom Wall documents located in the main hallway of Edsel Ford High School. The event, held in May 2010, honored the Congressman for his service to the community.

*PR 28 Dingell at FHS Memorial Day 1-* In May 2012, Congressman Dingell took part in a pre-Memorial Day Ceremony at Fordson High School to honor Dearborn veterans who lost their life serving their country.

*PR 28 Dingell at FHS Memorial Day 2-* Congressman Dingell steps up to the podium to say a few words honoring Dearborn veterans during a ceremony at Fordson High School in May 2012