

# STATE OF MICHIGAN

## SPECIAL TRIBUTE

To

### THE MEMORY OF JACK A. RUSSO

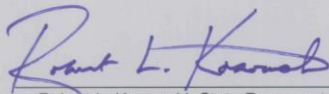
LET IT BE KNOWN, That in great respect for the tremendous legacy left behind by Jack A. Russo that we offer our words of praise as a memorial for his life. The family, friends, and employees of Jack Russo will attest to the positive impact he had on their lives and the many fond memories sharing their lives with him. Jack Russo was an esteemed businessman of southeast Michigan who earned the inestimable respect of all those fortunate enough to know him. He was a man devoted to his family and committed to the many employees of his company, Wayne Industries. From the hearts and minds of those who knew and loved him, his cherished memory will not fade.

Jack loved his family dearly and was proud to be a husband, father, and grandfather to his wonderful family. Married to his wife of fifty-four years, Jack raised four children who rewarded him nine amazing grandchildren. He lived his life as an example for his children who have continued his legacy of dedication and excellence. His wife, Noella, his children, Justine, Lisa, Paul, and Salvatore, along with their grandchildren miss him and are eternally grateful for his kindness and love.

A savvy businessman and entrepreneur, Jack began a career in the trucking industry becoming the owner of Alco Express who operations ranged across the state of Michigan. From humble beginnings on the east side of Detroit, Jack built a trucking company with Alco Express into the steel distribution empire that is Wayne Industries. Today, Wayne Industries is the leading distribution warehouse dedicated to the steel industry and depended upon by innumerable companies across this state. Jack shared his success with his employees, providing quality jobs to individuals from which they could build the foundations of a better life for their families. All those fortunate enough to have worked for Jack can bear witness to the appreciation and respect that he had for all his employees.

Jack was not content to merely succeed in business and raise a prosperous family. He felt a duty to give back to his community and benefit those in need. He gave willingly of his time and resources to many charities and churches. One cause above all others animated his philanthropy and became his personal mission. After a trip to his barber, Jack learned of the Burger School for autistic children and was moved to support their work. He dedicated himself to ensuring that the students at Burger would have access to amenities such as a playscape, basketball court, reflective garden, and science room. Additionally, he sponsored spring and winter carnival events for the students and their families to spread joy and reach children who have difficulty connecting with others. The staff, students, and families of the Burger School owe Jack Russo a great debt of gratitude for the many years he dedicated himself to this special school.

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, Therefore, This document is signed and dedicated in remembrance of Jack A. Russo. May his family accept this tribute as a symbol of the high regard in which his memory is held by the people of Michigan.



Robert L. Kosowski, State Representative  
The Sixteenth District



The Ninety-Seventh Legislature  
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