

IN RECOGNITION OF ROBERT
CUNNINGHAM JR. FOR HIS OUT-
STANDING CAREER WITH THE
DEARBORN FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

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Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robert Cunningham Jr. for his distinguished career with the Dearborn Fire Department. For the past 25 years, Mr. Cunningham has served the City of Dearborn and its residents with distinction.

As the Battalion Chief for the Dearborn Fire Department, Mr. Cunningham oversees the operation of several fire stations and fire com-

panies that serve the City of Dearborn as well as nearby Melvindale. As a key member of the 140-man department, Mr. Cunningham helped coordinate the response to fires and other emergencies, and served as a liaison between the department and the communities in which it operates. Throughout his career, Mr. Cunningham established a reputation as a dedicated and welcoming presence in the community, and is well known among his peers for his leadership and expertise. He has received multiple commendations for his service, including a Certificate of Special Recognition for going above and beyond the call of service, as well as multiple Meritorious Company Commendations and Fire Chief Unit Life Saving Awards for his actions in the line of duty.

Mr. Cunningham's work with the Dearborn Fire Department played a key role in protecting the health and safety of the residents of Dearborn and surrounding communities. As a leader in the department, Mr. Cunningham helped the firefighters handle an increasing number of calls for service throughout his tenure, including 15,000 in 2016 alone. His courageous actions throughout his career helped save lives while safeguarding his fellow firefighters and emergency responders. Mr. Cunningham's career and actions embody the values of public service, and he will be missed as he retires from his current position.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Robert Cunningham Jr. for his career with the Dearborn Fire Department. Mr. Cunningham's work has helped save lives and make Dearborn a safe place to live and work.