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Former U.S. Congressman Bill Broomfield Dies at Age 96
Broomfield Center for Leadership at Rochester Hills Museum Lives On

Rochester Hills, MI – Former Congressman Bill Broomfield passed away on Wednesday evening, February 20th, in suburban Washington. A well-known and dedicated public servant, he served in the Michigan State House of Representatives and Senate for seven years and then as a member of the U. S. House of Representatives for 36 years. As Congressman, he held an important role as a ranking member of the Foreign Affairs Committee during the Cold War. He was 96.

Rochester Hills Mayor Bryan K. Barnett stated: "I feel fortunate to have shared time with the Congressman, to hear his stories and learn from his experience. He served during challenging times in our history, including during the Vietnam War in the 1960's and 1970's, the Solidarity Movement in Poland, and the dismantling of the Berlin Wall."

His family had deep roots in Oakland County as one of the original settlers of Stoney Creek Village. "The Broomfield Center for Leadership was established at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm in his honor," said Barnett. The Center consists of lectures, seminars, and programs covering a broad range of topics from politics, philanthropy, history, and more.

"We're grateful to his Foundation for their meaningful and lasting commitment to our community through this Center," said Barnett. More about the Broomfield Center for Leadership can be found at <https://www.rochesterhills.org/index.aspx?NID=607>

"On behalf of the City of Rochester Hills, we commend and remember his years of public service and offer condolences to his family," Mayor Barnett concluded.

Established in 1984, the City of Rochester Hills is a prosperous community offering residents and businesses superior services. Voted one of the top places to live by several sources including *CNN Money* magazine, Rochester Hills is committed to sustaining its position among the nation's preeminent places to live, work and raise a family. Through the city's focus on health, education, and technology; the community continues to attract forward-thinking leaders and businesses.

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