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## **RALPH REGULA: THE GENTLEMAN FROM OHIO to Premiere on Western Reserve PBS on Saturday, July 22 at 6 PM**

*New documentary chronicles life and career of renowned congressman,  
who recently died at age 92*

Kent, Ohio — July 20, 2017 — In recognition of the July 19 passing of former Congressman Ralph Regula, Western Reserve PBS (WNEO Youngstown/WEAO Cleveland-Akron-Canton) will air the new documentary RALPH REGULA: THE GENTLEMAN FROM OHIO on Saturday, July 22, at 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, July 23, at 5 p.m.; and Tuesday, July 25, at 10 p.m.

The program chronicles the life and career of Regula, who served Ohio's 16th district for 36 years, from 1973 to 2009. It features his own recollections, as well as those of family, friends and colleagues.

Regula, a native of the Canton area, was well known for supporting and assisting local individuals and organizations. RALPH REGULA: THE GENTLEMAN FROM OHIO includes anecdotal stories of how the congressman helped ordinary citizens in his district. "One person can make a difference—just one person," Regula says. "In fact, most things happen because of one person."

Ron Ponder of PonderSystems Media and Marketing produced the hourlong program, which is funded by the following organizations through the Stark Community Foundation: Akron Children's Hospital; Aultman Health Foundation/Healthcare; Belden Brick Charitable Trust; Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce; Fresh Mark,

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Our Educational Services Department provides technology training and educational content to over 24,000 educators and over 300,000 K-12 students, plus Ready To Learn Services to over 100,000 preschool children's parents and child-care providers.

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