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After five courageous years filled with the same spirit of service that characterized his life, former Massachusetts Governor Paul Cellucci's fight with ALS is over. Paul's heroic pilgrimage has ended; he is at peace and at home.



As a member of the Massachusetts Legislature and later as Governor, Paul Cellucci was an effective advocate for policies that strengthened Massachusetts' technology industry. A highlight of this support occurred in August of 1991, when Paul signed into law legislation drafted by the High Tech Council that gave Massachusetts the most attractive state R&D incentive in the country. This forward thinking law helped employers to invest more in Massachusetts and create much-needed new jobs and tax revenue – all without raising taxes.

In a statement at the time, Paul said: "Research and development activity is the core ingredient of product innovation and production improvements which increase efficiency and reduce costs. This R&D tax credit will have a significant – and long term – impact on economic growth in Massachusetts, creating needed jobs and generating revenue." Paul understood what drove our state's prosperity and worked hard to create the conditions for it.

In addition to his years of service to the people of Massachusetts, Paul also served his country with honor and distinction as ambassador to Canada. During his time in Ottawa, Paul earned the respect of Canadians by continuing the same honest and open approach to problem solving that made him so effective on Beacon Hill.



Following his diagnosis with ALS, Paul didn't waste a second and threw his energy and drive into finding a cure for the disease. He was instrumental in creating the [Champion Fund](#) to help fund ALS research at the UMass Medical School in Worcester. The High Tech Council was proud to host Paul last year to discuss his campaign with our members.

Paul was a good friend to me and to the High Tech Council; we remember him for his steadfast support and unwavering commitment to make life better for all people across the Commonwealth. Paul will be dearly missed, but his generous spirit and many contributions will never be forgotten.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Anderson".

Christopher R. Anderson
President