

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1008

Speaker

Room 356 OFFICE PHONE (617) 722-2500 December 28, 2020

Mr. Steve T. James, Clerk House of Representatives State House, Room 145 Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I write to inform you that I intend to resign as both a Member and Speaker of the House of Representatives effective Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

It been an honor and privilege serving as a Member of this institution for almost 30 years. The faith and trust my colleagues placed in me by electing me as their Speaker for a record 6 consecutive terms fills me with a profound sense of gratitude and appreciation. My pride with what we have collectively accomplished over the last 12 years will never be diminished. This House has consistently led the way and provided solutions to some of the most complex and challenging public policy problems of our time. It is a comfort for me to know that, through our joint efforts, when I leave I do so with the knowledge that the House is well positioned for continued success.

My gratitude also extends to the staff of the House of Representatives. The staff of this organization work tirelessly on our behalf and on behalf of our constituents. Their hard work and dedication is much appreciated.

As each of my colleagues know, as elected officials we all go through difficult moments. It's part of the job description. Our families, however, go through those challenges with us. Through my almost 30 years as member of this body and through every day of my almost 12 years as your Speaker, my family has been there for me in good and bad times. Words are inadequate to express my gratitude to my partner Vicki, my daughter Rachele, my son Rob, my sister Carol and of course my two granddaughters, Autumn and Anna.

It is with the deepest appreciation and abiding sense of love for the House of Representatives and all of the people associated with it that I humbly submit this letter of resignation.

Sincerely

Robert A. DeLeo