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A R E S O L U T I O N

A resolution urging Congress to award a 1
Congressional Gold Medal to the late Senator John 2
Glenn and Mrs. Annie Glenn. 3

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
OHIO:**

WHEREAS, John Glenn was born on July 18, 1921, in Cambridge, 4
Ohio, in a white clapboard house to father John Herschel Glenn 5
and mother Clara Sproat Glenn on Foster Avenue; and 6

WHEREAS, John Glenn's parents grew up in historic 7
Cambridge, Ohio, a city internationally recognized for the 8
manufacture of quality glass products and located in the 9
foothills of the Appalachian mountains in southeastern Ohio; and 10

WHEREAS, Annie Glenn was born on February 17, 1920, in 11
Columbus, Ohio, to Dr. Homer and Margaret Castor and soon moved 12
to New Concord, Ohio, where the Castor family and Glenn family 13
would soon become family friends; and 14

WHEREAS, John Glenn and Annie Castor Glenn met as infants 15
in Concord, Ohio, and became best friends; and 16

WHEREAS, John Glenn launched a career of exploration and 17

service to his nation that would take him from a small city in 18
southeast Ohio firmly rooted in America's heartland to the skies 19
and beyond into outer space; and 20

WHEREAS, John Glenn graduated from New Concord High School 21
and attended Muskingum College before enlisting in the Navy and 22
later transferred to the Marine Corps, where he flew one hundred 23
forty-nine missions during World War II and the Korean War; and 24

WHEREAS, John Glenn married his beloved friend Annie Castor 25
Glenn in 1943; and 26

WHEREAS, John Glenn was accepted into the United States 27
space program on February 20, 1962, and piloted the Friendship 7 28
spacecraft around the earth three times, becoming the first 29
American to orbit the earth; and 30

WHEREAS, John Glenn's orbit around the earth inspired other 31
Ohio astronauts, including Neil Armstrong from Wapakoneta, Ohio, 32
who was the first man to walk on the moon and Judith Resnik from 33
Akron, Ohio, who was the second American female astronaut; and 34

WHEREAS, Thanks to the achievements of the Wright brothers, 35
John Glenn, Neil Armstrong, and Judith Resnick, Ohio is known as 36
the birthplace of aviation pioneers; and 37

WHEREAS, John Glenn retired from the Marine Corps as a 38
colonel and became a United States Senator representing Ohio 39
from 1975 to 1999; and 40

WHEREAS, John Glenn sought the democratic party's 41
presidential nomination in 1984; and 42

WHEREAS, After John Glenn's return from space and upon his 43
retirement from the Senate, John and Annie Glenn founded the 44
John Glenn Institute for Public Service and Public Policy at the 45
Ohio State University to improve the quality of public service 46
and encourage young people to pursue careers in government; and 47

WHEREAS, Annie Glenn suffered from a stuttering problem and 48
completed an intensive program at the Communications Research 49
Institute at Hollins College in Roanoke, Virginia; and 50

WHEREAS, Annie Glenn is one of the nation's leading 51
advocates for Americans with communicative disorders; and 52

WHEREAS, Annie Glenn has a special interest in programs 53
aiding children, the elderly, and Americans with communicative 54
disorders; and 55

WHEREAS, Ohio law designates the seventeenth day of 56
February as Annie Glenn Communication Disorders Awareness Day; 57
and 58

WHEREAS, John Glenn passed away in Columbus, Ohio, on 59
December 8, 2016, at the age of ninety-five and millions of 60
Americans mourned the passing of a true American hero; and 61

WHEREAS, John and Annie Glenn have touched the lives of 62
millions of Ohioans and Americans; and 63

WHEREAS, John and Annie Glenn have made our nation a better 64
place; and 65

WHEREAS, John and Annie Glenn have inspired America's 66
newest generation to achieve its goals and to give back to its 67
state and nation through public service; and 68

WHEREAS, John and Annie Glenn are deserving of receiving a 69
Congressional Gold Medal; now therefore be it 70

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Ohio House of 71
Representatives of the 133rd General Assembly of the State of 72
Ohio, urge Congress to pass legislation awarding the late 73
Senator John Glenn and Mrs. Annie Glenn a Congressional Gold 74
Medal; and be it further 75

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 76
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 77

members of the Ohio Congressional delegation and the news media
of Ohio.

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