

As Adopted by the Senate

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S. R. No. 229

Senators Hughes, Balderson

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Tom Paul Charles as a 33rd Degree Mason.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate Tom Paul Charles on
receiving the 33rd Degree of Scottish Rite Masonry; and

WHEREAS, The 33rd Degree is the highest honor that can be
bestowed upon a member of Scottish Rite Masonry, and this
prestigious distinction has been accorded to Tom Charles for his
unwavering dedication to upholding the noteworthy ideals of this
exemplary organization. He is a twenty-five-year member of Trowel
Lodge 132, and he has been active with the Valley of Columbus
since 1990; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Tom Charles has established himself
as an outstanding member through his loyal service and attendance,
as well as through his unique talents and leadership ability. A
remarkable individual, he is a consultant for Jobs Ohio and a
former lieutenant colonel with the Ohio State Highway Patrol,
inspector general for the State of Ohio, and director of the Ohio
Department of Public Safety, and we applaud him on his tremendous
efforts; and

WHEREAS, Willingly giving of his time, energy, and abilities,
Tom Charles has worked tirelessly to better the world around him,
and his generous contributions have earned him the respect and
esteem of the entire community. He is truly deserving of high
praise for the personal commitment he has made to this exceptional
organization; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend Tom
Paul Charles on his recent honor and salute him as one of Ohio's

finest citizens; and be it further 28

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 29
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Tom Paul Charles. 30