

As Adopted by the Senate

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S. R. No. 506

Senator Balderson

A RESOLUTION

In memory of the Honorable Joseph A. Gormley.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio were deeply saddened to learn of the death of the Honorable Joseph A. Gormley and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Gormley left an indelible impression on the people whose lives he touched, and he will be remembered as a spirited individual who contributed immeasurably to the world around him. A former assistant prosecuting attorney for Muskingum County and a lawyer in private practice, he was elected in 1991 to serve as the judge of the Muskingum County Probate and Juvenile Courts, a post he held until his retirement in 2014, and he was a member of the American, Ohio State, and Muskingum County bar associations. His love for Muskingum County and his sincere desire to serve its people to the best of his ability have shown him to be a truly concerned and responsible public servant; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Gormley's regard for improving the quality of life in our society was clearly evident in his personal sacrifices of time and effort to his family, friends, and community. Giving generously of his energy and abilities in all of his endeavors, he displayed exceptional concern and insight, and his absence will be keenly felt; and

WHEREAS, A loving husband to his wife, Susan, a devoted father to his three children, Jane, Joseph, and Sarah, and the proud grandfather of two grandchildren, Holly and Joseph, and two stepgrandchildren, Jade and Jared, Joseph Gormley always used his talents to the benefit of others, and the laurels of his life stand as a tribute not only to him but also to those he left behind. Although the void his death has created can never be

filled, the legacy of care and commitment he established will 29
surely live on. The world is a richer place for his having been in 30
it, and he will be sorely missed; therefore be it 31

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st 32
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, express a 33
profound sense of loss and sincere regret at the death of the 34
Honorable Joseph A. Gormley and, in so doing, pay tribute to the 35
memory of a truly unique individual; and be it further 36

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 37
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Honorable Joseph A. 38
Gormley. 39