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Representatives Antonio, Strahorn

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Sweeney, Schuring, Speaker Rosenberger, Representatives Sprague, Huffman,

LaTourette, Faber, Romanchuk, Seitz, Riedel, Carfagna, Retherford

A RESOLUTION

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 4
Cambridge, Ohio, in a white clapboard house to father John 5
Herschel Glenn and mother Clara Sproat Glenn on Foster Avenue; 6
and 7

WHEREAS, John Glenn's parents grew up in historic 8
Cambridge, Ohio, a city internationally recognized for the 9
manufacture of quality glass products and located in the 10
foothills of the Appalachian mountains in southeastern Ohio; and 11

WHEREAS, Annie Glenn was born on February 17, 1920, in 12
Columbus, Ohio, to Dr. Homer and Margaret Castor and soon moved 13
to New Concord, Ohio, where the Castor family and Glenn family 14
would soon become family friends; and 15

WHEREAS, John Glenn and Annie Castor Glenn met as infants 16
in Concord, Ohio, and became best friends; and 17

WHEREAS, John Glenn launched a career of exploration and 18
service to his nation that would take him from a small city in 19
southeast Ohio firmly rooted in America's heartland to the skies 20
and beyond into outer space; and 21

WHEREAS, John Glenn graduated from New Concord High School 22
and attended Muskingum College before enlisting in the Navy and 23
later transferred to the Marine Corps, where he flew one hundred 24
forty-nine missions during World War II and the Korean War; and 25

WHEREAS, John Glenn married his beloved friend Annie Castor 26
Glenn in 1943; and 27

WHEREAS, John Glenn was accepted into the United States 28
space program on February 20, 1962, and piloted the Friendship 7 29
spacecraft around the earth three times, becoming the first 30
American to orbit the earth; and 31

WHEREAS, John Glenn's orbit around the earth inspired other 32
Ohio astronauts, including Neil Armstrong from Wapakoneta, Ohio, 33
who was the first man to walk on the moon and Judith Resnik from 34
Akron, Ohio, who was the second American female astronaut; and 35

WHEREAS, Thanks to the achievements of the Wright brothers, 36
John Glenn, Neil Armstrong, and Judith Resnick, Ohio is known as 37
the birthplace of aviation pioneers; and 38

WHEREAS, John Glenn retired from the Marine Corps as a 39
colonel and became a United States Senator representing Ohio 40
from 1975 to 1999; and 41

WHEREAS, John Glenn sought the democratic party's 42
presidential nomination in 1984; and 43

WHEREAS, After John Glenn's return from space and upon his 44
retirement from the Senate, John and Annie Glenn founded the 45

John Glenn Institute for Public Service and Public Policy at the 46
Ohio State University to improve the quality of public service 47
and encourage young people to pursue careers in government; and 48

WHEREAS, Annie Glenn suffered from a stuttering problem and 49
completed an intensive program at the Communications Research 50
Institute at Hollins College in Roanoke, Virginia; and 51

WHEREAS, Annie Glenn is one of the nation's leading 52
advocates for Americans with communicative disorders; and 53

WHEREAS, Annie Glenn has a special interest in programs 54
aiding children, the elderly, and Americans with communicative 55
disorders; and 56

WHEREAS, Ohio Governor John Kasich designated the 57
seventeenth day of February as Annie Glenn Communication 58
Disorders Awareness Day; and 59

WHEREAS, John Glenn passed away in Columbus, Ohio, on 60
December 8, 2016, at the age of ninety-five and millions of 61
Americans mourned the passing of a true American hero; and 62

WHEREAS, John and Annie Glenn have touched the lives of 63
millions of Ohioans and Americans; and 64

WHEREAS, John and Annie Glenn have made our nation a better 65
place; and 66

WHEREAS, John and Annie Glenn have inspired America's 67
newest generation to achieve its goals and to give back to its 68
state and nation through public service; and 69

WHEREAS, John and Annie Glenn are deserving of receiving a 70
Congressional Gold Medal; now therefore be it 71

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Ohio House of 72
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of the State of 73
Ohio, urge Congress to pass legislation awarding the late 74
Senator John Glenn and Mrs. Annie Glenn a Congressional Gold 75

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Medal; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the
members of the Ohio Congressional delegation and the news media
of Ohio.

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