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Senator Obhof

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Kunze, LaRose, Lehner, Manning, O'Brien, Oelslager, Peterson, Schiavoni,
Skindell, Sykes, Tavares, Terhar, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Wilson, Yuko**

A RESOLUTION

In memory of Senate President Bill Harris.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General 1
Assembly of Ohio extend our deepest regrets on the passing of Bill 2
Harris and pay tribute to his memory; and 3

WHEREAS, Bill Harris will be remembered fondly by all those 4
who knew and loved him, and his absence will leave an irreparable 5
void in our society. He was well known and respected throughout 6
the State of Ohio as a business owner and as a decorated U.S. 7
Marine Corps veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars, and his 8
leadership as Majority Whip of the Ohio House of Representatives 9
and as the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and as 10
President of the Ohio Senate will be long remembered and revered; 11
and 12

WHEREAS, Bill Harris garnered enduring respect and genuine 13
admiration from legislators and staff regardless of political 14
affiliation, due in large part to his affability and his caring 15
nature. His passion for community service was always evident in 16
his approach to his public life, wherein he was an advocate for 17
small business in Ohio, a watchdog for the taxpayer, a champion of 18
government efficiency, and a stalwart believer in the value of 19
hard work. His involvement with the chamber of commerce and Grace 20
Brethren Church will hold lasting significance within the Ashland 21
community. He will be regarded by friends and family alike for his 22
positive philosophy of life and his dedication to others; and 23

WHEREAS, Without question, Bill Harris made the world much 24
fuller, especially for the individuals who had a treasured 25
relationship with him, including his family, to whom he was 26
endlessly devoted. All who cherished him can find strength in the 27
love of family, warmth in the embrace of friends, and solace in 28
the happy memories of this truly unique man. Clearly, the State of 29
Ohio is a richer place for his having been in it, and the vitality 30
and commitment of this exceptional human being will be sorely 31
missed; therefore be it 32

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 33
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, extend our 34
deepest condolences over the loss of Bill Harris; and be it 35
further 36

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 37
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Bill 38
Harris. 39