

As Introduced

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Senator Manning

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Bill Zurkey as an inductee of the 2018 National High School Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to pay tribute to Bill Zurkey on his induction into the performing arts category of the 2018 National High School Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, A choral director retired from Avon Lake High School, Bill Zurkey demonstrated remarkable dedication, energy, and enthusiasm in helping his students reach their full potential, and as a result, his groups consistently earned superior ratings from the Ohio Music Education Association during his twenty-five-year tenure. Giving tirelessly of his time and expertise, he helped expand the music and choral programs at ALHS to include more than four hundred students, and he has earned the respect and appreciation of many; and

WHEREAS, Participation in extracurricular activities such as choir provides a unique opportunity for students to develop their musical skills and to enjoy a special camaraderie, while learning the true value of preparation, practice, and cooperation. Through his astute leadership, Bill Zurkey worked tirelessly to make the Avon Lake High School choir one of Ohio's best vocal programs, and he is truly deserving of commendation; and

WHEREAS, While many people are content to spend their retirement reflecting on their past achievements, Bill Zurkey has remained an active and dynamic voice in his community by serving as a teacher at Cleveland State University, the founder and director of the Cleveland Pops Chorus, and the conductor for the Bay Presbyterian Church choir. Clearly, he has set an example of

service worthy of emulation; therefore be it 27

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 28
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 29
congratulate Bill Zurkey on his praiseworthy record of excellence 30
and extend best wishes for the future; and be it further 31

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 32
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Bill Zurkey. 33