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**Senators Sykes, Maharath**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring G. Michael Payton for exemplary service to the  
Ohio Civil Rights Commission.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 133rd General 1  
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to pay tribute to G. Michael Payton 2  
on his retirement as the executive director of the Ohio Civil 3  
Rights Commission; and 4

WHEREAS, Michael Payton is an outstanding individual and a 5  
dynamic leader in the State of Ohio. Indeed, he has brought to his 6  
position a wealth of experience gained as the chief legal counsel 7  
and director of operations for the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, 8  
an assistant attorney general for the State of Ohio, the assistant 9  
chief of the transportation section under the Ohio Attorney 10  
General's jurisdiction, and the real estate administrator for the 11  
Ohio Department of Transportation; and 12

WHEREAS, Michael Payton has distinguished himself as an 13  
advocate for the Ohio Civil Rights Act in the areas of employment, 14  
public accommodations, housing, and higher education. In addition, 15  
he has been accorded such accolades as the NAACP's Civil Rights 16  
Vanguard Award, the Fair Housing Advocates Association's Keeper of 17  
the Dream Award, and the West Virginia Human Rights Commission's 18  
Special Recognition Award. Clearly, he has established a stalwart 19  
record of service that will stand as a hallmark for others to 20  
emulate; and 21

WHEREAS, Time and again, Michael Payton has exhibited an 22  
exceptional devotion to serving the residents of Ohio, and he has 23  
set an example of excellence that is worthy of emulation. He is 24  
truly deserving of high praise, for he has combined civic concern 25  
with selfless initiative to become a beacon of hope and motivation 26

for his fellow citizens; therefore be it	27
RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend G. Michael Payton on his sterling service and count him among the ranks of remarkable Ohioans; and be it further	28 29 30 31
RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to G. Michael Payton.	32 33