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A RESOLUTION

In memory of John Herschel Glenn, Jr.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio were deeply saddened to learn of the death of John Herschel Glenn, Jr., and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, No list of accomplishments could begin to do John Glenn justice, for he was a true American icon and hero who spent his entire life finding standards to set for man. He devoted

himself to bettering our nation and our society, and it was his 9
civic concern that motivated him to transcend the very boundaries 10
of our world. A distinguished pilot for the U.S. Marine Corps, he 11
flew in 149 missions and served through two wars before becoming 12
the first person to complete a supersonic transcontinental flight, 13
traveling from California to New York in just three-and-a-half 14
hours. From there, the only challenges left for him lay in the 15
stars, and he confronted the limits of human greatness as one of 16
the Mercury Seven, the original American astronauts handpicked by 17
NASA. On February 20, 1962, he achieved his dream and inspired the 18
world by becoming the first U.S. astronaut to orbit the Earth, 19
completing three trips around our planet in four hours and fifty- 20
six minutes. His extraordinary achievement awoke a confidence in 21
our nation that drove us through the Space Race, for his success 22
changed the very way we looked at ourselves and our place in the 23
universe. If an American could travel around the Earth in space, 24
we asked ourselves, what was stopping us from forging further into 25
the unknown?; and 26

WHEREAS, John Glenn returned home a hero, but he never rested 27
on the laurels he so justly earned. After resigning from NASA and 28
retiring from the Marines, he went on to serve four terms in the 29
United States Senate, representing the state he so deeply loved. 30
While a senator, he was the chief author of the Nuclear Non- 31
Proliferation Act of 1978 and never stopped working in pursuit of 32
world peace. During his tenure, he returned to space once again as 33
the oldest astronaut at seventy-seven years old, always reminding 34
us what is humanly possible; and 35

WHEREAS, No memorial to John Glenn's legacy is complete 36
without mentioning his constant companion and soulmate, his wife 37
of seventy-three years, Annie. They raised two children, Carolyn 38
and John, and welcomed two grandchildren, Daniel and Zach, and 39
together, they showed just how much can be accomplished by 40
conscientious individuals. She was always his source of 41
inspiration as he set an example not simply for Ohioans or 42
Americans to emulate, but rather established a hallmark for all of 43
humanity to strive toward; therefore be it 44

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 45
Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 46
this Resolution, mourn the loss and honor the legacy of one of 47
Ohio's greatest sons, John Herschel Glenn, Jr.; and be it further 48

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives	49
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the	50
family of John Herschel Glenn, Jr.	51