

## **As Introduced**

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**Senators Tavares, Bacon**

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### **A RESOLUTION**

Honoring Joyce Garver Keller on her retirement as  
executive director of Ohio Jewish Communities.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to Joyce Garver Keller on retiring from Ohio Jewish Communities, June 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Keller is, indeed, a remarkable individual, for she has combined civic concern and dedication with selfless initiative to become a dynamic leader in her field. An advocate for the elderly, healthcare, and Holocaust education, as well as support of Israel, she has served as executive director of Ohio Jewish Communities for twenty-five years, and she was instrumental in the creation of a Holocaust & Liberators Memorial on the lawn of the Ohio Statehouse; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her career, Joyce Keller has clearly shown the potential of each person to have a positive effect on the quality of life in our society. Active with such organizations as the Jewish Needs Endowment Fund of the Columbus Jewish Foundation, The Cancer Support Community/Columbus and Capital Square Foundation boards, the National Council of Jewish Women, Hadassah, and ORT America, she has never been content to take a passive role in life, and she has distinguished herself as a conscientious and hard-working Ohioan. She is truly deserving of high praise; and

WHEREAS, We are proud to note that it is through the unsurpassed efforts and deep commitment of diligent people such as Joyce Keller that the State of Ohio continues to prosper. The recipient of numerous accolades, including the Ohio Secretary of State Keeper of the Flame, Jewish Family Services of Columbus Janice Ballas Community Service, Franklin County Consortium Good Government, and Jewish Community Government Affairs Directors Excellence in Community Service awards, she has striven to serve the community to the best of her ability, and we applaud her on her exemplary work; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, congratulate Joyce Garver Keller on her retirement and salute her as one of Ohio's finest citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Joyce Garver Keller.