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Senators Gentile, Schiavoni

A RESOLUTION

In memory of Clarence "Bevo" Francis.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Clarence "Bevo" Francis and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Bevo Francis left an indelible impression on the people whose lives he touched, and he will be remembered as a spirited individual who contributed immeasurably to the world of sports. Previously averaging 31 points per game in one season at Wellsville High School, he played basketball at the former Rio Grande College for two years, causing a national sensation when he scored 116 points in one game, averaged 50.1 points per game, and led the Redmen to a perfect 39-0 record during the 1952-1953 season, and the following year against tougher competition, he scored an NCAA record of 113 points in one game, among several other collegiate records, and averaged 47.1 points per game. He went on to play short professional stints for the Boston Whirlwinds and in the Eastern Professional and American Basketball leagues, and he later had a career as a steelworker; and

WHEREAS, Bevo Francis' regard for improving the quality of life in our society was clearly evident in his personal sacrifices of time and effort to his family, friends, and community. Giving generously of his energy and abilities in all

of his endeavors, he displayed exceptional concern and insight, and his absence will be keenly felt; and

WHEREAS, A loving husband to his wife, Jean, a devoted father to his two children, Frank and Marge, and the proud grandfather of three grandchildren, Bevo Francis always used his talents to the benefit of others, and the laurels of his life stand as a tribute not only to him but also to those he left behind. Although the void his death has created can never be filled, the legacy of care and commitment he established will surely live on. The world is a richer place for his having been in it, and he will be sorely missed; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, express a profound sense of loss and sincere regret at the death of Clarence "Bevo" Francis and, in so doing, pay tribute to the memory of a truly unique individual; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Clarence "Bevo" Francis.