

**As Adopted by the Senate**

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**S. R. No. 229**

**Senators Hughes, Balderson**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring Tom Paul Charles as a 33rd Degree Mason.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate Tom Paul Charles on receiving the 33rd Degree of Scottish Rite Masonry; and

WHEREAS, The 33rd Degree is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a member of Scottish Rite Masonry, and this prestigious distinction has been accorded to Tom Charles for his unwavering dedication to upholding the noteworthy ideals of this exemplary organization. He is a twenty-five-year member of Trowel Lodge 132, and he has been active with the Valley of Columbus since 1990; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Tom Charles has established himself as an outstanding member through his loyal service and attendance, as well as through his unique talents and leadership ability. A remarkable individual, he is a consultant for Jobs Ohio and a former lieutenant colonel with the Ohio State Highway Patrol, inspector general for the State of Ohio, and director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, and we applaud him on his tremendous efforts; and

WHEREAS, Willingly giving of his time, energy, and abilities, Tom Charles has worked tirelessly to better the world around him, and his generous contributions have earned him the respect and esteem of the entire community. He is truly deserving of high praise for the personal commitment he has made to this exceptional organization; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend Tom Paul Charles on his recent honor and salute him as one of Ohio's

finest citizens; and be it further 28

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 29

authenticated copy of this Resolution to Tom Paul Charles. 30