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Senator Faber

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LaRose, Lehner, Manning, Obhof, Oelslager, Patton, Peterson, Sawyer,
Schiavoni, Seitz, Skindell, Tavares, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Yuko**

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Senator Chris Widener for his loyal service to
the Ohio Senate.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General 1
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to 2
Senator Chris Widener on his retirement as a member of the Ohio 3
Senate, January 31, 2016; and 4

WHEREAS, Throughout his distinguished tenure as a member of 5
the Ohio legislature, Chris Widener has demonstrated an unwavering 6
dedication to performing his duties and fulfilling his 7
responsibilities with the utmost efficiency and competence. 8
Previously serving four 9
non-consecutive terms in the Ohio House of Representatives, he is 10
currently in his second term in the Ohio Senate, representing the 11
10th District, and he has ably served as president pro tempore, 12
vice chair of the Rules and Reference Committee, and a member of 13
the Government Oversight and Reform, Education, Ways and Means, 14
and Medicaid committees and the Finance Workforce Subcommittee. 15
Displaying commendable determination and resolve, Senator Widener 16
has brought his talents and experience to bear on the ever- 17
changing needs and issues of the Ohio General Assembly; and 18

WHEREAS, Chris Widener has given willingly of his time and 19
energy far beyond what was required or expected and has displayed 20
a genuine commitment to improving the quality of life in our 21
society. An architect and the owner of his own firm, he has been 22

active with such organizations as the Mad River-Greene Local Board of Education, the Ohio Township and National Rifle associations, the Ohio Farm Bureau, the Springfield Rotary Club, and High Street United Methodist Church, and he has received several honors and awards. His love for Ohio and his sincere desire to serve its people to the best of his ability have shown him to be a truly concerned and responsible public servant, and we are proud to note that it is through the efforts of conscientious individuals such as he that our state and nation continue to grow and prosper; and

WHEREAS, Election to public office is one of the highest honors that the people in a democracy can bestow upon a fellow citizen. As a member of the Ohio Senate, Chris Widener has consistently maintained a high degree of achievement and has displayed a level of integrity and commitment that has earned him the respect and admiration of colleagues on both sides of the political aisle. Whether engaged in floor debate or in committee deliberations, he has brought a full measure of enthusiasm, intelligence, and public spirit to his duties, and he has effectively served his constituents and the Great State of Ohio; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, applaud Senator Chris Widener on his retirement from the Ohio Senate and salute him as a fine Ohioan; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Senator Chris Widener.