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A R E S O L U T I O N

In memory of John Marshall Ford.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio were deeply saddened to learn of the death of John Marshall Ford and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Never content to take a passive role in life, Jack Ford gave freely of his talents in all of his endeavors. A professor of African-American politics at The University of Toledo, director of substance abuse for the Lucas County Mental Health Board, diversity director for ProMedica, and a member of the Toledo City Council and Board of Education, he served District 49 in the Ohio House of Representatives from 1995 through 2001, and he was elected the first African-American mayor of the City of Toledo in 2001 holding that post through 2005; and

WHEREAS, Jack Ford's concern for his community and state was clearly evident in the number of honors and awards bestowed upon him and in his involvement with such organizations as CareNet and the J. Frank Troy Senior Center. Giving generously of his time,

energy, and abilities far beyond what was required or expected, he displayed exceptional concern and insight and was tireless in his efforts to better the world around him; and

WHEREAS, Jack Ford's selfless dedication to the welfare of others distinguished him as an outstanding human being and a leading citizen. It is our sincere hope that his memory will be a source of comfort to those who loved and cherished him, including his two children, Jessica and Jacqueline, two stepchildren, Ryan and Damian, and two grandchildren, Olivia and Haley; 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 John Marshall Ford 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 John Marshall Ford.