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Senator Hite

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Richard L. Kortokrax on his retirement as the
winningest boys basketball coach in Ohio.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to
Richard L. Kortokrax on the memorable occasion of his retirement
as the Kalida High School boys basketball coach; and

WHEREAS, Dick Kortokrax is deserving of high praise, for in
fifty-six years of coaching boys basketball, he has demonstrated
remarkable integrity and dedication. Commencing his tenure at Fort
Jennings High School in 1960, he became the coach at Ottoville
High School two years later, winning five Putnam County League
championships and being named PCL Coach of the Year five times in
thirteen seasons, and he has been the coach at Kalida High School
since 1974, winning twenty PCL, twenty-four sectional, ten
district, and four regional championships and the 1981 Class A
State Championship and being named PCL Coach of the Year twelve
times. His overall 890-371 record makes him the all-time
winningest boys basketball coach in the State of Ohio, and he was
inducted into the 1999 Ohio High School Basketball Coaches
Association, 2002 Naismith Memorial Basketball, and 2012 Ohio
Basketball halls of fame; and

WHEREAS, During his career, Dick Kortokrax has not only
encouraged each athlete to develop his talents to the fullest but
also instilled in each a valuable sense of determination,
perseverance, camaraderie, and spirit. Due largely to his tireless
efforts, his players have emerged as winners, both in and out of
athletic competition, and we applaud him on his tremendous work;
and

WHEREAS, Dick Kortokrax's exceptional record of personal and

professional achievement stands as a hallmark worthy of emulation, 28
and he has inspired countless individuals to excel in numerous 29
areas of endeavor. His accomplishments and leadership are a 30
justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection on him, 31
his family, his players, his schools, and his community, and he 32
has earned the respect and admiration of all who have had the 33
pleasure of his acquaintance over the years; therefore be it 34

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st 35
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 36
congratulate Richard L. Kortokrax on his retirement and salute him 37
as one of Ohio's finest citizens; and be it further 38

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 39
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Richard L. Kortokrax. 40