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Senators Sawyer, LaRose

**Cosponsors: Senators Obhof, Jones, Thomas, Cafaro, Hughes, Patton,
Gardner, Schiavoni, Yuko, Tavares, Coley, Lehner, Williams, Brown, Gentile,
Eklund, Skindell, Seitz**

A RESOLUTION

In memory of Russell M. Pry.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General 1
Assembly of Ohio extend our heartfelt condolences to the family 2
and friends of Russell M. Pry in their bereavement; and 3

WHEREAS, Russ Pry's zealous love of life and his selfless 4
concern for the welfare of others distinguished him as an 5
outstanding human being and a leading citizen. A councilman for 6
the Village of Mogadore, the legal counsel for the City of Boston 7
Heights and the Mogadore Local School District, as the treasurer 8
and then chairman of the Summit County Democratic Party, he was 9
the longest-serving county executive in the State of Ohio, holding 10
that position in Summit County for nearly nine years, and he was 11
instrumental in the economic growth of the area, the streamlining 12
of government services, and the creation of such community 13
initiatives as First Things First. He was a dedicated and devoted 14
public servant whose exemplary career serves as an inspiration for 15
others; and 16

WHEREAS, A man of exceptional concern and commitment, Russ 17
Pry achieved a praiseworthy record of service, and his untiring 18
efforts earned him many richly deserved accolades. He gave 19
generously of his energy and abilities in all of his endeavors, 20
displaying exceptional concern and insight, and his absence will 21
be keenly felt; and 22

WHEREAS, Russ Pry's personal sacrifices of time and energy to 23
his family, his friends, his community, and the State of Ohio will 24

certainly live beyond him, and he will long be remembered for his 25
kindness and his unwavering commitment to service through his 26
exemplary leadership in advancing the charter form of self- 27
government in Ohio Counties. Though the void his death has created 28
can never be filled, the warmth and understanding he so readily 29
extended to others will stand as a testament to his personal 30
character, and he will be remembered fondly by all those who knew 31
and loved him; therefore be it 32

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st 33
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, pay tribute 34
to the memory of a truly honorable man, Russell M. Pry; and be it 35
further 36

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 37
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Russell M. 38
Pry. 39