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A RESOLUTION

In memory of John Herschel Glenn, Jr.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General 1
Assembly of Ohio were deeply saddened to learn of the death of 2
John Herschel Glenn, Jr., and extend our heartfelt condolences to 3
his family and friends; and 4

WHEREAS, John Glenn left an indelible impression on the 5
people whose lives he touched, and he will be remembered as a 6
spirited individual who contributed immeasurably to the world 7
around him. A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, he served as an 8
aviator during World War II and the Korean War, flying dozens of 9
missions and receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross six times 10
and the Air Medal with eighteen clusters, and he then became a 11
test pilot, setting the transcontinental speed record in 1957. 12
Selected as one of our country's first seven astronauts, he rode 13
in Friendship 7 as the first American to orbit the earth in 1962, 14
and after twenty-four years of service representing the State of 15
Ohio in the U.S. Senate, he returned to space aboard the shuttle 16
Discovery in 1998 at the age of seventy-seven, becoming the oldest 17
man in space; and 18

WHEREAS, John Glenn's regard for improving the quality of 19
life in our society was clearly evident in his personal sacrifices 20
of time and effort to his family, his community, and the United 21
States. Giving generously of his energy and abilities in all of 22
his endeavors, he was active with such organizations as The Ohio 23

State University, helping to develop its John Glenn College of 24
Public Affairs, and the John Glenn Columbus International Airport 25
was named in his honor in 2016. His absence will be keenly felt; 26
and 27

WHEREAS, A loving husband to his wife, Annie, and a devoted 28
father to his two children, Lyn and David, John Glenn always used 29
his talents to the benefit of others, and the laurels of his life 30
stand as a tribute not only to him but also to those he left 31
behind. Although the void his death has created can never be 32
filled, the legacy of care and commitment he established will 33
surely live on. The world is a richer place for his having been in 34
it, and he will be sorely missed; therefore be it 35

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st 36
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, express a 37
profound sense of loss and sincere regret at the death of John 38
Glenn and, in so doing, pay tribute to the memory of a true 39
American hero; and be it further 40

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 41
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of John 42
Herschel Glenn, Jr. 43