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**A R E S O L U T I O N**

Honoring William Batchelder on his retirement from  
the Ohio House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize William Batchelder on his retirement as a member and speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his political career, William Batchelder has left an indelible impression on the State of Ohio and has contributed immeasurably to the world around him. A former aide to the late Ohio Lieutenant Governor John W. Brown, he served as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives from 1969 through 1998 and again from 2007 through 2014, including his last two terms as speaker, and he established a reputation for his staunch conservative philosophy. In addition, he practiced law with the firm of Williams and Batchelder for thirty-one years, served as a judge of the Medina County Common Pleas Court and the Ninth District Court of Appeals, and taught at The University of Akron Law School and the Cleveland State University Levin College of

Urban Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Indeed, William Batchelder's extraordinary political acumen, sound judgment, and keen perspective have been valuable assets to meeting legislative aims. A concerned and responsible citizen, he has amply demonstrated his belief in, and support of, state government, and his efforts will long stand as a hallmark worthy of emulation; and

WHEREAS, William Batchelder's extensive knowledge of governmental processes and his devotion to public service have been vital factors in his success, and it is through the efforts of conscientious statesmen such as he that our state and nation continue to prosper. On the occasion of his retirement, we commend him on his inspiring legacy of governmental service; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, salute William Batchelder on his retirement and pay tribute to him for his invaluable contributions to our state; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to William Batchelder.