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

A resolution urging Congress to award a 1  
Congressional Gold Medal to the late Senator John 2  
Glenn and Mrs. Annie Glenn. 3

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

WHEREAS, John Glenn was born on July 18, 1921, in 4  
Cambridge, Ohio, in a white clapboard house to father John 5  
Herschel Glenn and mother Clara Sproat Glenn on Foster Avenue; 6  
and 7

WHEREAS, John Glenn's parents grew up in historic 8  
Cambridge, Ohio, a city internationally recognized for the 9  
manufacture of quality glass products and located in the 10  
foothills of the Appalachian mountains in southeastern Ohio; and 11

WHEREAS, Annie Glenn was born on February 17, 1920, in 12

Columbus, Ohio, to Dr. Homer and Margaret Castor and soon moved 13  
to New Concord, Ohio, where the Castor family and Glenn family 14  
would soon become family friends; and 15

WHEREAS, John Glenn and Annie Castor Glenn met as infants 16  
in Concord, Ohio, and became best friends; and 17

WHEREAS, John Glenn launched a career of exploration and 18  
service to his nation that would take him from a small city in 19  
southeast Ohio firmly rooted in America's heartland to the skies 20  
and beyond into outer space; and 21

WHEREAS, John Glenn graduated from New Concord High School 22  
and attended Muskingum College before enlisting in the Navy and 23  
later transferred to the Marine Corps, where he flew one hundred 24  
forty-nine missions during World War II and the Korean War; and 25

WHEREAS, John Glenn married his beloved friend Annie Castor 26  
Glenn in 1943; and 27

WHEREAS, John Glenn was accepted into the United States 28  
space program on February 20, 1962, and piloted the Friendship 7 29  
spacecraft around the earth three times, becoming the first 30  
American to orbit the earth; and 31

WHEREAS, John Glenn's orbit around the earth inspired other 32  
Ohio astronauts, including Neil Armstrong from Wapakoneta, Ohio, 33  
who was the first man to walk on the moon and Judith Resnik from 34  
Akron, Ohio, who was the second American female astronaut; and 35

WHEREAS, Thanks to the achievements of the Wright brothers, 36  
John Glenn, Neil Armstrong, and Judith Resnick, Ohio is known as 37  
the birthplace of aviation pioneers; and 38

WHEREAS, John Glenn retired from the Marine Corps as a 39  
colonel and became a United States Senator representing Ohio 40  
from 1975 to 1999; and 41

WHEREAS, John Glenn sought the democratic party's 42

presidential nomination in 1984; and 43

WHEREAS, After John Glenn's return from space and upon his 44  
retirement from the Senate, John and Annie Glenn founded the 45  
John Glenn Institute for Public Service and Public Policy at the 46  
Ohio State University to improve the quality of public service 47  
and encourage young people to pursue careers in government; and 48

WHEREAS, Annie Glenn suffered from a stuttering problem and 49  
completed an intensive program at the Communications Research 50  
Institute at Hollins College in Roanoke, Virginia; and 51

WHEREAS, Annie Glenn is one of the nation's leading 52  
advocates for Americans with communicative disorders; and 53

WHEREAS, Annie Glenn has a special interest in programs 54  
aiding children, the elderly, and Americans with communicative 55  
disorders; and 56

WHEREAS, Ohio Governor John Kasich designated the 57  
seventeenth day of February as Annie Glenn Communication 58  
Disorders Awareness Day; and 59

WHEREAS, John Glenn passed away in Columbus, Ohio, on 60  
December 8, 2016, at the age of ninety-five and millions of 61  
Americans mourned the passing of a true American hero; and 62

WHEREAS, John and Annie Glenn have touched the lives of 63  
millions of Ohioans and Americans; and 64

WHEREAS, John and Annie Glenn have made our nation a better 65  
place; and 66

WHEREAS, John and Annie Glenn have inspired America's 67  
newest generation to achieve its goals and to give back to its 68  
state and nation through public service; and 69

WHEREAS, John and Annie Glenn are deserving of receiving a 70  
Congressional Gold Medal; now therefore be it 71

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Ohio House of  
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of the State of  
Ohio, urge Congress to pass legislation awarding the late  
Senator John Glenn and Mrs. Annie Glenn a Congressional Gold  
Medal; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the  
members of the Ohio Congressional delegation and the news media  
of Ohio.