

As Introduced

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S. R. No. 571

Senator LaRose

A RESOLUTION

In memory of Paul David Tople.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General 1
Assembly of Ohio extend our heartfelt condolences to the family 2
and friends of Paul David Tople in their bereavement; and 3

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of the Akron area, Paul Tople 4
was a 1970 graduate of Kent State University, where he worked his 5
way through school as a photographer and a part-time staff member 6
at the *Barberton Herald*, and upon graduation he embarked upon a 7
dynamic forty-two-year career with the *Akron Beacon Journal*. Known 8
and respected in professional circles, he had a natural ability to 9
visually tell a story that could both enthrall and entertain the 10
newspaper's readers, and this talent would distinguish him as a 11
member of three Pulitzer Prize-winning photography teams for the 12
paper. During his illustrious career, he received the William 13
Taylor Distinguished Alumni, Kent State Man of the Year, and 14
Friends of JMC Photographer awards; and 15

WHEREAS, A man of exceptional concern and commitment, Paul 16
Tople also achieved a praiseworthy record of service as an active 17
member of the Boy Scouts of America, where he served as an 18
assistant leader of Great Trail Council Boy Scout Troop 380 and 19
chairman of the Old Portage District Advancement Committee. 20
Indeed, he was an Eagle Scout whose dedicated service in adulthood 21
would earn him the Silver Beaver Award, scouting's highest 22
distinction; and 23

WHEREAS, Paul Tople's personal sacrifices of time and energy 24
to his wife, Sally, his late wife, Teresa, his children, Edward 25
and Michael, his grandchildren, his extended family and many 26
friends, and the State of Ohio will certainly live beyond him. He 27

will long be remembered for his kindness and his unwavering 28
commitment to service. Though the void his death has created can 29
never be filled, the warmth and understanding he so readily 30
extended to others will stand as a testament to his personal 31
character, and he will be remembered fondly by all those who knew 32
and loved him; therefore be it 33

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 34
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, pay tribute 35
to the memory of a truly honorable man, Paul David Tople; and be 36
it further 37

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 38
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Paul David 39
Tople. 40