

## As Introduced

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**Senator Obhof**

**Cosponsors: Senators Bacon, Beagle, Burke, Coley, Dolan, Eklund, Gardner, Hackett, Hoagland, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, Kunze, LaRose, Lehner, Manning, McColley, O'Brien, Oelslager, Peterson, Schiavoni, Skindell, Sykes, Tavares, Terhar, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Wilson, Yuko**

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### A RESOLUTION

Honoring Senator Edna Brown for outstanding service to the  
Ohio Senate

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to Senator Edna Brown for her loyal service to the Ohio Senate; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her distinguished tenure as a member of the Ohio Senate, Edna Brown has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to performing her duties and fulfilling her responsibilities with the utmost efficiency and competence. Representing the 11th District, she has ably served as the minority whip and the ranking minority member on the Insurance and Financial Institutions Committee, and with commendable determination and resolve, she has brought her talents and experience to bear on the ever changing needs and issues of the Ohio General Assembly. During her time in the Ohio Senate, she brought "no excuse" absentee voting to Ohio, addressed violence in teen dating relationships, brought awareness to children's hunger, helped protect Lake Erie and fought on behalf of first responders and the elderly as well as for Medicaid expansion and education opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS, Edna Brown has given willingly of her time and energy far beyond what was required or expected and has displayed a genuine commitment to improving the quality of life in our

society. She has served as a longstanding member of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus; on the Executive Committee of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators; as the state director for the Women in Government Foundation and the National Foundation for Women; as a founding member of the Greater Toledo Urban League; as a past chair of the Administration Board for Braden United Methodist Church; and as a charter member of the Executive Women's Golf Association. Her love for community, state and country and her sincere desire to serve its people to the best of her ability have shown her to be a truly concerned and responsible public servant, and we are proud to note that it is through the efforts of conscientious individuals such as she that our state and nation continue to grow and prosper; and

WHEREAS, Election to public office is one of the highest honors that the people in a democracy can bestow upon a fellow citizen. Throughout her service as a member of the Ohio Senate, Edna Brown has consistently maintained a high degree of achievement and has displayed a level of integrity and commitment that has earned her the respect and admiration of colleagues on both sides of the political aisle. Whether engaged in floor debate or in committee deliberations, she has brought a full measure of enthusiasm, intelligence, and public spirit to her duties and has effectively served her community, her church, her union, and her constituents. All Ohioans will remember her efforts and she will long stand as a hallmark worthy of emulation and the Great State of Ohio; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, applaud Senator Edna Brown for her exemplary service to the Ohio Senate and extend best wishes for happiness and fulfillment in the years to come; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Senator Edna Brown.