

**As Introduced**

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**S. R. No. 784**

**Senator Gardner**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring John L. Martin on his retirement as the director  
of ODDD

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General 1  
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to John 2  
L. Martin on the memorable occasion of his retirement as the 3  
director of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities; and 4

WHEREAS, Throughout his distinguished career in public 5  
service, John Martin has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to 6  
performing his duties and fulfilling his responsibilities with the 7  
utmost efficiency and competence. Previously serving as the 8  
executive director of Sunshine, Inc., of Northwest Ohio and MRDD 9  
Solutions, he became the director of the then Ohio Department of 10  
Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities in 2007, and he 11  
was re-appointed to that post in 2011. During his tenure, he was 12  
instrumental in consolidating programs, supporting shared services 13  
and collaboration models, creating the Positive Culture 14  
Initiative, and establishing more opportunities for individuals 15  
with developmental disabilities to live and work in their 16  
communities; and 17

WHEREAS, John Martin is, indeed, a remarkable individual, 18  
combining civic concern with selfless initiative to become a 19  
dynamic leader in the State of Ohio. Always sincere and energetic 20  
in his approach to his work, he has given generously of his time 21  
and abilities far beyond what was required or expected and has 22  
displayed a genuine commitment to improving the quality of life in 23  
our society; and 24

WHEREAS, The enthusiasm and expertise John Martin has shown 25  
in his endeavors have earned him the respect and esteem of many. 26

As he retires, he has the satisfaction of knowing that he has 27  
provided a valuable service to our state and has established a 28  
record of personal and professional achievement that will stand as 29  
a hallmark for others to emulate; therefore be it 30

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 31  
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 32  
congratulate John L. Martin on his retirement and salute him as 33  
one of Ohio's finest citizens; and be it further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 35  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to John L. Martin. 36