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**H. R. No. 257**

**Speaker Householder, Representatives Sykes, Carfagna, Jordan, Abrams,  
Antani, Baldrige, Becker, Blair, Boggs, Boyd, Brent, Brinkman, Brown,  
Butler, Callender, Carruthers, Cera, Clites, Crawley, Cross, Crossman, Cupp,  
Dean, Denson, DeVitis, Edwards, Galonski, Ghanbari, Ginter, Green,  
Greenspan, Grendell, Hambley, Hicks-Hudson, Hillyer, Holmes, A., Hood,  
Hoops, Howse, Ingram, Jones, Keller, Kelly, Kent, Kick, Koehler, Lanese,  
Lang, LaRe, Leland, Lepore-Hagan, Lightbody, Lipps, Liston, Manchester,  
Manning, D., Manning, G., McClain, Merrin, Miller, A., Miller, J., Miranda,  
O'Brien, Oelslager, Patterson, Patton, Perales, Plummer, Powell, Reineke,  
Richardson, Riedel, Robinson, Roemer, Rogers, Romanchuk, Russo, Ryan,  
Scherer, Seitz, Sheehy, Skindell, Smith, K., Smith, T., Sobecki, Stein,  
Stephens, Stoltzfus, Strahorn, Swearingen, Sweeney, Upchurch, Vitale,  
Weinstein, West, Wiggam, Wilkin, Zeltwanger**

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**A RESOLUTION**

In memory of the Honorable Jon Peterson.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1  
133rd General Assembly of Ohio were deeply saddened to learn of 2  
the death of the Honorable Jon Peterson and extend our heartfelt 3  
condolences to his family and friends; and 4

WHEREAS, Jon Peterson left an indelible impression on the 5  
lives he touched, and he will be remembered as a man of great 6  
faith and a concerned public servant who contributed immeasurably 7  
to the world around him. The Delaware County treasurer since 2009, 8  
he brought to his post a wealth of knowledge drawn from his 9  
longtime public service as a member and a majority whip in the 10  
Ohio House of Representatives, and his work on behalf of our 11

citizens led to the Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program 12  
being created to give children with special needs educational 13  
options beyond their home school district. He also served as a 14  
chief deputy auditor and auditor for Delaware County, where he was 15  
responsible for the implementation of the county's first automated 16  
financial management and payroll systems and the Delaware Auditor 17  
Land Information System, and a deputy auditor and finance director 18  
for Franklin County, where he served two terms; and 19

WHEREAS, Jon Peterson's regard for improving the quality of 20  
life in our society was clearly evident in his personal sacrifices 21  
of time and effort to his family, friends, and community. A pastor 22  
retired from Zion United Church of Christ, he gave generously of 23  
his energy and abilities in all of his endeavors, and he displayed 24  
exceptional concern and insight. His absence will be keenly felt; 25  
and 26

WHEREAS, A loving husband to his wife, Melissa, and a 27  
devoted father to his daughters, Emily and Hannah, Jon Peterson 28  
always used his talents to the benefit of others, and the laurels 29  
of his life stand as a tribute not only to him but also to those 30  
he left behind. Although the void his death has created can never 31  
be filled, the legacy of care and commitment he established will 32  
surely live on. The world is a richer place for his having been in 33  
it, and he will be sorely missed; therefore be it 34

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 35  
Representatives of the 133rd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 36  
this Resolution, express a profound sense of loss and sincere 37  
regret at the death of the Honorable Jon Peterson and, in so 38  
doing, pay tribute to the memory of a truly unique individual; and 39  
be it further 40

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 41  
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the 42  
family of the Honorable Jon Peterson. 43