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S. R. No. 329

Senator Hottinger

Cosponsors: Senators Antonio, Dolan, Eklund, Hackett, Rulli, Uecker

A RESOLUTION

In memory of William J. Ress.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 133rd General 1
Assembly of Ohio extend our heartfelt condolences to the family 2
and friends of William J. Ress in their bereavement; and 3

WHEREAS, Although there are no words to ease the sadness now 4
felt, surely there is solace in the remembrance of having been 5
touched by such a remarkable person as Bill Ress. The warmth of 6
his personality made a lasting impression on the people whose 7
lives he touched, and the love, compassion, and understanding he 8
gladly extended to those around him will long remain in the hearts 9
and minds of many, including his wife, Ann, his three children, 10
Greg, Doug, and Ryan, and his four grandchildren, Reagan, Rachel, 11
Julia, and Kaylee; and 12

WHEREAS, Bill Ress' zealous love of life and his selfless 13
concern for the welfare of others distinguished him as an 14
outstanding human being and as a leading citizen. Commencing his 15
five-decade career in public service as a member of the New 16
Philadelphia City Council in 1970, he was a fiscal conservative 17
elected to represent District 30 in the Ohio Senate, and he also 18
served as a commissioner for Tuscarawas County. The owner of the 19
former Liberty Furniture, he was active with such organizations as 20
Emmanuel Lutheran Church and the New Philadelphia Rotary Club and 21
Elks Lodge, and his tremendous efforts serve as an inspiration for 22
others; and 23

WHEREAS, Never content to take a passive role in life, Bill 24
Ress led an exemplary life, manifesting those virtues we all seek 25

to emulate. Indeed, his generosity, talents, and seemingly 26
inexhaustible energy are a pleasure to recall; therefore be it 27

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd 28
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, pay tribute 29
to the memory of a truly honorable man, William J. Ress; and be it 30
further 31

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 32
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of William J. 33
Ress. 34