

As Introduced

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Senator Obhof

A RESOLUTION

In memory of Richard D. Goddard.

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 Richard D. Goddard in their bereavement; and 3

WHEREAS, Dick Goddard's love of life and his selfless concern 4
for the residents of Cleveland distinguished him as an outstanding 5
human being and a leading citizen. A veteran of the U.S. Air 6
Force, he was a longtime resident of Northeast Ohio, and he 7
enjoyed a storied career as a broadcaster for the National Weather 8
Service at the Akron-Canton Regional Airport and as an iconic 9
meteorologist at WJW-TV in Cleveland, where he worked for more 10
than fifty years; and 11

WHEREAS, A man of exceptional concern and commitment, Dick 12
Goddard became a passionate advocate against animal abuse that led 13
to his namesake legislation in 2016, "Goddard's Law," which makes 14
it a fifth-degree felony to knowingly cause harm to a companion 15
animal. Truly, he has left a lasting legacy for others to emulate; 16
and 17

WHEREAS, Dick Goddard's personal sacrifices of time and 18
energy to his family, including his daughter, Kimberly, his 19
friends, his community, and the State of Ohio will certainly live 20
beyond him, and he will be remembered fondly by all those who knew 21
and loved him. Though the void his death has created can never be 22
filled, the warmth and understanding he so readily extended to 23
others will stand as a testament to his personal character; 24
therefore be it 25

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd 26

General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, pay tribute	27
to the memory of a truly honorable man, Richard D. Goddard; and be	28
it further	29
RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly	30
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Richard D.	31
Goddard.	32