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Representatives Kelly, Abrams, Brinkman, Denson, Ingram, Miranda, Seitz

A R E S O L U T I O N

Honoring Father Michael J. Graham, S.J., on his retirement
as president of Xavier University.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 134th General 1
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to pay tribute to Father Michael J. Graham, S.J., on the 2
memorable occasion of his retirement as president of Xavier University; and 3

WHEREAS, Michael Graham is deserving of commendation for his record of excellence 4
as an administrator in higher education. First joining the Xavier University faculty as an 5
assistant history professor in 1984, he served as vice president for university relations and 6
executive assistant to the president before being inaugurated as president in 2001. He is the 7
longest-serving individual to hold this office in the history of the institution, and over the years, 8
he has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to fulfilling his responsibilities with integrity 9
and attaining his myriad goals in a skillful and professional manner; and 10

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Michael Graham has clearly shown the potential of 11
each person to have a positive effect on the quality of life in our society, and he has been 12
instrumental to the success of numerous academic programs and fundraising initiatives. In 13
addition, he has overseen the addition of eighty acres to the campus as well as the fruition of 14
projects involving eight buildings, and he has set an example of dedication and competence that 15
is worthy of emulation; and 16

WHEREAS, We are proud to note that it is through the unsurpassed efforts and diligence 17
of people like Michael Graham that the State of Ohio continues to grow and prosper, and he has 18
earned the respect and esteem of faculty, students, and alumni for his stalwart leadership. To his 19
credit, he has been an outstanding advocate for higher education, and we applaud him on his fine 20
work; therefore be it 21

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 134th General 22
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, congratulate Father Michael J. Graham, S.J., on 23
his retirement and count him among the ranks of exemplary Ohioans; and be it further 24

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a duly authenticated 25
copy of this Resolution to Father Michael J. Graham, S.J. 26