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**H. R. No. 667**

**Speaker Stephens, Representatives Russo, Brent, Abdullahi, Abrams, Baker, Barhorst, Bird, Blackshear, Brennan, Brewer, Brown, Callender, Carruthers, Claggett, Click, Creech, Cross, Daniels, Dean, Dell'Aquila, Demetriou, Denson, Dobos, Edwards, Ferguson, Fischer, Forhan, Fowler Arthur, Ghanbari, Grim, Gross, Hall, Hillyer, Holmes, Hoops, Humphrey, Isaacsohn, Jarrells, John, Johnson, Jones, Kick, King, Klopfenstein, Lampton, LaRe, Lear, Lipps, Liston, Lorenz, Loychik, Manchester, Manning, Mathews, McClain, McNally, Merrin, Miller, A., Miller, J., Miller, K., Miller, M., Mohamed, Oelslager, Patton, Pavliga, Peterson, Piccolantonio, Pizzulli, Plummer, Powell, Ray, Richardson, Robb Blasdel, Robinson, Roemer, Rogers, Santucci, Schmidt, Seitz, Sims, Skindell, Somani, Stein, Stewart, Stoltzfus, Swearingen, Sweeney, Thomas, C., Thomas, J., Troy, Upchurch, Weinstein, White, Whitted, Wiggam, Williams, Willis, Young, T.**

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**A RESOLUTION**

In memory of Carolyn Jean Prentiss.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th General Assembly of Ohio wish to offer our deepest sympathy to the family and many friends of Carolyn Jean Prentiss on the sorrowful occasion of her death; and

WHEREAS, C.J. Prentiss will be remembered fondly by all those who knew her, and her absence will leave an irreparable void in our society. Widely respected for her tenure with the Ohio General Assembly, she was an advocate for the growth and progress of the State of Ohio and its people, and over the course of her sixteen years as a legislator, she served in both the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate, where she held the positions of minority whip and minority leader. In addition, she was the first female president of

the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus, and her tremendous experience as an 13  
elected official, having served under five governors, and her devotion 14  
to duty gained her the appreciation of her colleagues and constituents 15  
alike; and 16

WHEREAS, C.J. Prentiss' passion for community service was always 17  
evident in her own approach to public life, and she dedicated her time 18  
to such organizations as WELCOME, the Cleveland Rainbow Coalition, 19  
Policy Matters Ohio, the C.J. Prentiss Emerging Leaders Project, the 20  
Zinn Education Project, and Hiawatha Church of God and Christ. The 21  
recipient of numerous accolades, she was admired by her fellow 22  
citizens, friends, and family alike for her positive philosophy of 23  
life, and she inspired countless Ohioans to dedicate themselves to 24  
public service; and 25

WHEREAS, In her numerous roles as a wife, mother, grandmother, 26  
public servant, and community leader, C.J. Prentiss led an exemplary 27  
life, and she demonstrated an unwavering commitment to improving the 28  
quality of life in our society. Most assuredly, the State of Ohio has 29  
benefited exponentially from her work, and she will be remembered for 30  
her visionary example of citizenship; therefore be it 31

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 32  
the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, pay 33  
tribute to the memory of a truly honorable woman, Carolyn Jean 34  
Prentiss; and be it further 35

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 36  
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Carolyn 37  
Jean Prentiss. 38