

**As Adopted by the Senate**

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**S. R. No. 160**

**Senator Sykes**

**Cosponsors: Senators Antani, Antonio, Blessing, Brenner, Cirino, Craig, DeMora, Dolan, Gavarone, Hackett, Hicks-Hudson, Hoagland, Huffman, M., Huffman, S., Ingram, Johnson, Kunze, Landis, Lang, Manning, McColley, O'Brien, Reineke, Reynolds, Roegner, Romanchuk, Rulli, Schaffer, Schuring, Smith, Wilkin, Wilson**

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**A RESOLUTION**

In memory of Thomas Charles Sawyer.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly  
of Ohio were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Thomas Charles  
Sawyer and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends;  
and

WHEREAS, Tom Sawyer left an indelible impression on the people  
whose lives he touched, and he will be remembered as a spirited man  
who contributed immeasurably to the world around him. A pillar of the  
community, he was an English teacher before he proudly served his  
constituents in such roles as the mayor of Akron and a member of the  
U.S. House of Representatives, the State Board of Education, and the  
Ohio Senate, and he achieved a noteworthy record of success throughout  
his varied and distinguished career; and

WHEREAS, Tom Sawyer's regard for improving the quality of life in  
our society was clearly evident in his personal sacrifices of time and  
effort to his family, friends, and community. Giving generously of his  
energy and abilities in all of his endeavors, he displayed exceptional  
concern and insight, and his absence will be keenly felt; and

WHEREAS, Tom Sawyer was a devoted husband to his wife, Joyce, and  
a loving father to his daughter, Amanda, and he always used his  
talents to the benefit of others. Indeed, the laurels of his life  
stand as a tribute not only to him but also to those he left behind,

and although the void his death has created can never be filled, the 22  
legacy of care and commitment he established will surely live on. The 23  
world is a richer place for his having been in it, and he will be 24  
sorely missed; therefore be it 25

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th General 26  
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, express a profound 27  
sense of loss and sincere regret at the death of Thomas Charles Sawyer 28  
and, in so doing, pay tribute to the memory of a truly unique public 29  
servant; and be it further 30

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 31  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Thomas Charles 32  
Sawyer. 33