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**S. R. No. 173**

**Senator Huffman, M.**

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Dolan, Gavarone, Hackett, Hicks-Hudson, Hoagland, Huffman, S., Ingram,  
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Roegner, Romanchuk, Rulli, Schaffer, Schuring, Smith, Sykes, Wilkin, Wilson**

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**A RESOLUTION**

In memory of Richard L. Ditto

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly 1  
of Ohio are deeply saddened to learn of the death of Richard L. Ditto 2  
and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends; and 3

WHEREAS, Dick Ditto left an indelible impression on the people 4  
whose lives he touched, and he will be remembered as a spirited 5  
individual who contributed immeasurably to the world around him. A 6  
veteran of the U.S. Navy Reserve, he was a certified public accountant 7  
with Ernst and Ernst and a co-founder of R. L. Ditto and Associates 8  
with his son, Howard, and he served his community as president of the 9  
Lima Junior Chamber of Commerce, a treasurer for the Ohio Chamber of 10  
Commerce, the mayor of Elida, an auditor and treasurer for Allen 11  
County, and a member of the Ohio Senate, where he represented the 12th 12  
District. Indeed, his love for Ohio and his sincere desire to serve 13  
its people to the best of his ability have shown him to be a truly 14  
concerned and responsible public servant; and 15

WHEREAS, Dick Ditto's regard for improving the quality of life in 16  
our society was clearly evident in his personal sacrifices of time and 17  
effort to his family, friends, and community. Giving generously of his 18  
energy and abilities in all of his endeavors, he displayed exceptional 19  
concern and insight, and his absence will be keenly felt; and 20

WHEREAS, A loving husband to his wife, the late Jo, a devoted 21

father to his three children, Howard, Steven, and Kevin, and a caring 22  
grandfather to his six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren, 23  
Dick Ditto always used his talents to the benefit of others, and the 24  
laurels of his life stand as a tribute not only to him but also to 25  
those he left behind. Although the void his death has created can 26  
never be filled, the legacy of care and commitment he established will 27  
surely live on. The world is a richer place for his having been in it, 28  
and he will be sorely missed; therefore be it 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th General 30  
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, express a profound 31  
sense of loss and sincere regret at the death of Richard L. Ditto and, 32  
in so doing, pay tribute to the memory of a truly unique individual; 33  
and be it further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 35  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Richard L. 36  
Ditto. 37