

**As Introduced**

**135th General Assembly  
Regular Session  
2023-2024**

**S. R. No. 55**

**Senator Schaffer**

**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, Schuring, Smith, Sykes, Wilkin, Wilson**

---

**A RESOLUTION**

In memory of Dr. Samuel Wallace Speck, Jr.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly 1  
of Ohio were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Samuel 2  
Wallace Speck, Jr., and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family 3  
and friends; and 4

WHEREAS, Sam Speck left an indelible impression on the people 5  
whose lives he touched, and he will be remembered as a spirited man 6  
who contributed immeasurably to the world around him. Among his 7  
endeavors, he was the president of Muskingum College after serving in 8  
myriad roles there, a member of the Ohio State House of 9  
Representatives and Ohio Senate for twelve years, during which time he 10  
introduced a variety of legislation to protect and revitalize land 11  
formerly used for strip mining, the associate director for state and 12  
local programs for FEMA, the director of the Ohio Department of 13  
Natural Resources, the chair of the Council of Great Lakes Governors' 14  
Water Management Working Group, and a member of numerous other 15  
organizations and initiatives. Truly, he achieved a noteworthy record 16  
of success throughout his varied and distinguished career; and 17

WHEREAS, Sam Speck's regard for improving the quality of life in 18  
our society was clearly evident in his personal sacrifices of time and 19  
effort to his family, friends, and community. Giving generously of his 20  
energy and abilities in all of his endeavors, he displayed exceptional 21  
concern and insight, and his absence will be keenly felt; and 22

WHEREAS, Sam Speck was a devoted husband to his wife, the late Sharon, a loving father to his two children, Sam and Derek, and a doting grandfather to his three grandchildren, Sam, Sarah, and Steven, 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 legacy of care and commitment he established will surely live on. The world is a richer place for his having been in it, and he will be sorely missed; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, express a profound sense of loss and sincere regret at the death of Dr. Samuel Wallace Speck, Jr., and, in so doing, pay tribute to the memory of a truly unique public servant; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Dr. Samuel Wallace Speck, Jr.