

As Introduced

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S. R. No. 79

Senator Schuring

A RESOLUTION

In memory of William P. Blair III.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly 1
of Ohio were deeply saddened to learn of the death of William P. Blair 2
III and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends; 3
and 4

WHEREAS, Bill Blair left an indelible impression on the people 5
whose lives he touched, and he will be remembered as a spirited 6
individual who contributed immeasurably to the world around him. An 7
attorney, he served in private practice, as the prosecutor for the 8
City of Canton, as the executive counsel to the director of the Ohio 9
Department of Natural Resources, and as the president, legislative 10
counsel and lobbyist for the Ohio Citizens for the Arts, which he co- 11
founded. A dynamic advocate for the arts and culture, he served in 12
various capacities with such organizations as the Canton Symphony, the 13
Cleveland Institute of Music, Apollo's Fire, Cleveland Chamberfest, 14
the American Arts Alliance, the National Cultural Alliance, the 15
American Symphony Orchestra League, and the Metropolitan Opera 16
National Council; and 17

WHEREAS, Bill Blair'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 several community organizations, including the WKSU Advisory 20
Board, the Kent State University Foundation, the National First Ladies 21
Library and Museum, the Capitol Square Foundation, the Friends of the 22
Ohio Governor's Residence and Heritage Gardens, Cuyahoga Valley 23
National Park, and The Ohio State University Advocates, College of 24
Law, Government Affairs Advisory Group, and Foundation, as well as to 25
his family and friends. Giving generously of his energy and abilities 26
in all of his endeavors, he displayed exceptional concern and insight, 27

and his absence will be keenly felt; and 28

WHEREAS, In numerous roles, Bill Blair used his talents to the 29
benefit of others, and the laurels of his life stand as a tribute not 30
only to him but also to those he left behind. Although the void his 31
death has created can never be filled, the legacy of care and 32
commitment he established will surely live on. The world is a richer 33
place for his having been in it, and he will be sorely missed; 34
therefore be it 35

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th General 36
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, express a profound 37
sense of loss and sincere regret at the death of William P. Blair III 38
and, in so doing, pay tribute to the memory of a truly unique man; and 39
be it further 40

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 41
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of William P. 42
Blair III. 43