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A RESOLUTION

In memory of Mary Rose Oakar.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 136th General Assembly of Ohio were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Mary Rose Oakar and pay tribute to her memory; and

WHEREAS, Mary Oakar will be remembered fondly by all those who knew her, and her absence will leave an irreparable void in our society. A teacher at Lourdes Academy and Cuyahoga Community College before being elected to the Cleveland City Council in 1973, she was celebrated for her integrity, her dedication to women's economic equality, and her ability to break barriers, and she brought a wealth of knowledge and a heart for the public welfare into all of her endeavors to benefit the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, In 1977, Mary Oakar was sworn into the Ohio House of
Representatives, and over the course of her sixteen-year tenure, she
served on the Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs Committee, the
Banking Subcommittee on Economic Stabilization, the House Select
Committee on Aging, the Post Office and Civil Service Committee, and
the House Administration Committee, sponsored legislation to improve
public housing, fight elder abuse, and secure federal funding for
breast cancer research, and advocated for the NASA Glenn Research
Center, the protection of Lake Erie, and the campaign to bring the
Rock and Roll Hall of Fame to Cleveland. Indeed, she garnered the
respect of her peers as well as her constituents, and her stalwart
legacy to our state will endure as a testament to her passion for
community service as well as her positive philosophy to public life;
and

WHEREAS, Also a member of the Ohio House of Representatives and
the White House Conference on Aging, Mary Rose Oakar made a lasting
impression through her leadership, and she exemplified the belief that
the power of elected officials to enrich and strengthen the
communities they represented would be best achieved by working
together. Without a doubt, she will be remembered for her visionary
example of citizenship and her life's work, which has exponentially
benefited the State of Ohio; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of
the 136th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, offer
our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Mary Rose Oakar
and express a profound sense of loss and sincere regret on the
sorrowful occasion of her death; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Mary
Rose Oakar.