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A R E S O L U T I O N

Honoring Ken Thomas on his retirement from OPERS.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 136th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to Ken Thomas on the occasion of his retirement from the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System; and

WHEREAS, Throughout more than thirty-three years of distinguished service to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, Ken Thomas has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to performing his duties and fulfilling his responsibilities with the utmost efficiency and competence. During his tenure, he served the OPERS Board as vice chair for six years and chair for twelve years, and he was instrumental in the passage of Senate Bill 343, the selection of three OPERS executive directors, the expansion to three retirement plan options, and the implementation of several versions of the OPERS Health Care Preservation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Ken Thomas is, indeed, a remarkable individual, combining civic concern with selfless initiative to become a dynamic leader in the State of Ohio. An employee of the City of Dayton since 1985, he served in various roles before being appointed as the secretary and chief examiner of the Civil Service Board in 2019. Always sincere and energetic in his approach to his work, he has given generously of his time and abilities far beyond what was required or expected and has displayed a genuine commitment to improving the quality of life in our society; and

WHEREAS, The enthusiasm and expertise Ken Thomas has shown in his endeavors have earned him the respect of all those with whom he has been associated. As he retires from OPERS, he has the satisfaction of knowing that he has provided a valuable service to our state and has

established a record of personal and professional achievement that will stand as a hallmark for others to emulate; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 136th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, congratulate Ken Thomas on his retirement from the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System and salute him as one of Ohio's finest citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Ken Thomas.