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S. R. No. 123

Senators Johnson, Wilson

**Cosponsors: Senators Craig, Reineke, Cirino, Ingram, Wilkin, Landis,
Romanchuk, Weinstein, McColley, Huffman**

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Deborah A. Ashenhurst on her retirement from
the Ohio Department of Veterans Services.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 136th General Assembly 1
of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to Deborah A. 2
Ashenhurst on the occasion of her retirement as the director of the 3
Ohio Department of Veterans Services, May 1, 2025; and 4

WHEREAS, Throughout her distinguished career, Deborah Ashenhurst 5
has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to performing her duties and 6
fulfilling her responsibilities with the utmost efficiency and 7
competence. Enlisting in the Ohio Army National Guard in 1978, she 8
advanced through various posts and assignments to become the Adjutant 9
General of the Ohio National Guard in 2011 and then a special 10
assistant to the Vice Chief of the National Guard Bureau in 2015. 11
After retiring from the military, she served as the senior vice 12
president of military strategy for R2 Associate and a commissioner of 13
the Ohio Military Facilities Commission before being appointed by 14
Governor Mike DeWine in 2019 as the director of the Ohio Department of 15
Veterans Services, where she has supported Ohio's veterans in all of 16
her efforts; and 17

WHEREAS, Deborah Ashenhurst is, indeed, a remarkable individual, 18
combining civic concern with selfless initiative to become a dynamic 19
leader in the State of Ohio. Always sincere and energetic in her 20
approach to her work, she has given generously of her time and 21
abilities far beyond what was required or expected and has displayed a 22
genuine commitment to improving the quality of life in our society; 23

and 24

WHEREAS, The enthusiasm and expertise Deborah Ashenhurst has shown 25
in her endeavors have earned her the respect of all those with whom 26
she has been associated. As she retires, she has the satisfaction of 27
knowing that she has provided a valuable service to the state and has 28
established a record of personal and professional achievement that 29
will stand as a hallmark for others to emulate; therefore be it 30

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 136th General 31
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, congratulate Deborah A. 32
Ashenhurst on her retirement and salute her as one of Ohio's finest 33
citizens; and be it further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 35
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Deborah A. Ashenhurst. 36