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**Cosponsors: Senators Blackshear, Blessing, Brenner, Chavez, Cirino, Craig,
Cutrona, DeMora, Gavarone, Hicks-Hudson, Huffman, Ingram, Johnson, Koehler,
Landis, Lang, Liston, Manchester, Manning, O'Brien, Patton, Reineke, Reynolds,
Roegner, Romanchuk, Schaffer, Smith, Timken, Weinstein, Wilkin, Wilson**

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Jim Kelly for his stalwart service to the
Legislative Service Commission.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 136th General Assembly
of Ohio are pleased to pay tribute to Jim Kelly on his retirement from
the Ohio Legislative Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, The Legislative Service Commission was established to
provide nonpartisan drafting, research, and fiscal analysis to all
members of the Ohio General Assembly, and Jim Kelly has certainly
embodied the agency's compelling directive since joining in 1988.
Commencing his career as a drafter, he served in a variety of areas,
including banking and insurance, health and human services, finally
finding a drafting home in education. Demonstrating high degrees of
expertise and competence, he served in leadership roles during much of
his tenure with the Legislative Service Commission. He served as
division chief of the education group, led the administrative rule
division, and ultimately was appointed director of research and
drafting services. Throughout his thirty-seven-year tenure, he has
freely shared his wealth of knowledge and experience with others, and
he has been esteemed for his patience, adaptability, ingenuity, and
insight. Undoubtedly, he has been a distinguished mentor and friend,
and the State of Ohio has benefited from his dedication; and

WHEREAS, Jim Kelly has gained tremendous respect for his

dependability and guidance, and his professional legacy is reflected 21
in his collaboration with Ohio legislators and their offices as well 22
as with his colleagues at the Legislative Service Commission. Indeed, 23
he has helped to guarantee a high level of success for all projects 24
with which he has been associated, including several innovative 25
improvements most notably to bill support documents, legislative 26
software, and administrative rule procedures. His loyalty to Ohio, 27
along with his integrity and work ethic, are the measure of how a more 28
promising future can be achieved for the people of our state; and 29

WHEREAS, We are proud to note that it is through the unsurpassed 30
efforts and deep commitment of conscientious people such as Jim Kelly 31
that the State of Ohio continues to prosper. Over the years, he has 32
striven to serve his fellow citizens to the best of his ability, and 33
we applaud him on his fine work; therefore be it 34

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 136th General 35
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, salute Jim Kelly for 36
his meaningful and lasting contributions to the Ohio Legislative 37
Service Commission and extend best wishes for a happy, healthy 38
retirement; and be it further 39

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 40
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Jim Kelly. 41