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### 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