

**As Adopted by the Senate**

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**S. R. No. 354**

**Senator Chavez**

**Cosponsors: Senators McColley, Antonio, Blackshear, Blessing, Brenner, 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**

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**A RESOLUTION**

In memory of James E. Carnes. 1

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 136th General Assembly of Ohio were deeply saddened to learn of the death of James E. Carnes and pay tribute to his memory; and 2  
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WHEREAS, Jim Carnes will be remembered fondly by all those who knew him, and his absence will leave an irreparable void in our society. A local business leader who was widely respected for his tenure with the Ohio General Assembly, he was an advocate for the growth and progress of our state and its people, and over the course of his nine years in the Ohio Senate, he served on such important committees as Energy, Natural Resources, and Environment and Finance and Financial Institutions as well as the State Controlling Board. He then continued to serve our state with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Ohio Liquor Control Commission. Clearly, his tremendous concern and commitment to duty gained him the appreciation of his colleagues and constituents alike; and 5  
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WHEREAS, Jim Carnes' passion for community service was always evident in his own approach to public life, and he dedicated his time to numerous organizations, including the Belmont County Republican Party Central and Executive committees, the Ohio Republican State Central and Executive committees, the Belmont County Board of 17  
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Elections, the State Mining Board, the Ohio Commission on Aging and 22  
Advisory Council on Aging, the Area Agency on Aging, The Ohio State 23  
University President's Club, the A.B. Graham Club, the Ohio 4-H 24  
Foundation, and the Barnesville and St. Clairsville education 25  
foundations. The recipient of numerous awards, he was admired by his 26  
fellow citizens, friends, and family for his positive philosophy of 27  
life, and he has left a stalwart legacy to our state that will surely 28  
live on; and 29

WHEREAS, Without question, Jim Carnes made the world much fuller, 30  
and he was especially devoted to the individuals who had a treasured 31  
relationship with him, including his wife, the late Frankie Lee, his 32  
six children, Kelly, Jeffrey, Leslie, J. Scott, Karen, and Kristi, his 33  
nine grandchildren, Ashley, Amanda, Morgan, Jessica, Kayla, Matthew, 34  
Kristen, Julie, and Rebekah, and his nine great-grandchildren, 35  
Elizabeth, Isabelle, Katherine, Eliana, Ezra, Ella, Elsie, Milo, and 36  
Luke. Those who cherished him can find strength and solace in the 37  
happy moments shared with this great man. Most assuredly, the State of 38  
Ohio has benefited exponentially from his life's work, and he will be 39  
remembered for his visionary example of citizenship; therefore be it 40

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 136th General 41  
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, offer our heartfelt 42  
condolences to the family and friends of James E. Carnes and express a 43  
profound sense of loss and sincere regret on the sorrowful occasion of 44  
his death; and be it further 45

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 46  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of James E. 47  
Carnes. 48