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## A RESOLUTION

In memory of Ben Espy.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 136th General Assembly  
of Ohio extend our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of  
Ben Espy on the sorrowful occasion of his death; and

WHEREAS, Ben Espy left an indelible impression on the people whose  
lives he touched, and he will be remembered as a spirited individual  
who contributed immeasurably to the world around him. An attorney, he  
worked for Allegheny Airlines as a corporate lawyer and served the  
U.S. Air Force as an assistant staff judge advocate at Hancock Field  
Air Force Base and the Ohio Attorney General's Office as a staff  
member before starting his own law practice in 1977. Widely renowned  
for his career in public office, he was a member of the Columbus City  
Council for ten years, holding the post of president pro tempore and  
then the Ohio Senate for ten years, serving as the assistant minority  
leader and minority leader. He was active with several local and state  
organizations and started the Columbus Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,  
Holiday Celebration and the Columbus Youth Corps. Indeed, he will be  
remembered for his generosity, talents, and seemingly inexhaustible  
energy; and

WHEREAS, Ben Espy's regard for improving the quality of life in  
our society was clearly evident in his personal sacrifices of time and  
effort to family, friends, and community. Giving generously of his  
energy and abilities in all of his endeavors, he displayed exceptional

concern and insight, and his absence will be keenly felt; and 23

WHEREAS, A loving husband to his wife, the late Kathlynnne, a 24  
devoted father to his four children, Elizabeth, Amy, Laura, and 25  
Lynnette, and a doting grandfather to his numerous grandchildren, Ben 26  
Espy always used his talents to the benefit of others, and the warmth 27  
and understanding he readily extended to those around him will stand 28  
as a testament to his personal character. Although the void which his 29  
death has created can never be filled, the legacy of care and 30  
commitment he established will surely live on; therefore be it 31

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 136th General 32  
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, pay tribute to the 33  
memory of a truly honorable man, Ben Espy; and be it further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 35  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Ben Espy. 36