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Reynolds, Roegner, Romanchuk, Schaffer, Smith, Timken, Weinstein, Wilkin,
Wilson**

A RESOLUTION

In memory of I. Ray Miller. 1

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 136th General Assembly 2
of Ohio extend our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of 3
I. Ray Miller on the sorrowful occasion of his death; and 4

WHEREAS, Ray Miller left an indelible impression on the people 5
whose lives he touched, and he will be remembered as a spirited 6
individual who contributed immeasurably to the world around him. 7
Widely renowned for his distinguished career in public service, he 8
served as an intern for Ohio Representative Dick Celeste before being 9
elected to the Ohio House of Representatives himself, a post he held 10
for sixteen years, and the Ohio Senate, where he served eight years 11
and held the office of minority leader. In addition, he was 12
instrumental in the passage of many historic pieces of legislation, 13
including the Community Mental Health Act of 1988, and in the 14
establishment of the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction 15
Services, and he was the founder of the Ohio Commission on Minority 16
Health, the Ohio State University Ray Miller Institute for Change and 17
Leadership, and *The Columbus African American News Journal* as well as 18
the president of The Center for Urban Progress. Indeed, he will be 19
remembered for his generosity, talents, and seemingly inexhaustible 20
energy; and 21

WHEREAS, Ray Miller's regard for improving the quality of life in 22
our society was clearly evident in his personal sacrifices of time and 23
effort to family, friends, and community. Giving generously of his 24
energy and abilities in all of his endeavors, he displayed exceptional 25
concern and insight, and his absence will be keenly felt; and 26

WHEREAS, A loving husband to his wife, Marty, a devoted father to 27
his son, Ray, Ray Miller always used his talents to the benefit of 28
others, and the warmth and understanding he readily extended to those 29
around him will stand as a testament to his personal character. 30
Although the void which his death has created can never be filled, the 31
legacy of care and commitment he established will surely live on; 32
therefore be it 33

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 136th General 34
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, pay tribute to the 35
memory of a truly honorable man, I. Ray Miller; and be it further 36

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 37
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of I. Ray Miller. 38