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Senator Blackshear

A R E S O L U T I O N

Honoring Ken Thomas on his service to the OPERS Board of Trustees.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 136th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to pay tribute to Ken Thomas on his retirement from the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Diligent and painstaking in all his endeavors, Ken Thomas has achieved a noteworthy record of service to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees, where he has served as vice chairman for six years and chairman for twelve years. Indeed, he has brought to his position a wealth of experience gained as an employee of the City of Dayton and a member of its civil service board, and he has shown a sincere commitment to serving OPERS in an efficient and professional manner; and

WHEREAS, An individual of exceptional civic concern and commitment, Ken Thomas has worked to advance the goals of the agency in a painstaking manner, never failing to overcome even the most seemingly insurmountable obstacle. Indeed, he has played an important role in several momentous events in the history of the organization, including the selection of three executive directors, the passage of Senate Bill 343, the introduction of two new plan options, and the development of the OPERS Health Care Preservation Plan. By approaching difficult decisions and shouldering responsibilities with confidence, he has gained the admiration of everyone who appreciates integrity, intelligence, and determination; and

WHEREAS, To his credit, Ken Thomas has demonstrated how very much a conscientious, industrious person can accomplish, and he can be proud that his unflagging dedication to the Ohio Public Employees

Retirement System has inspired many who know him to devote themselves similarly. Clearly, his contributions will not be forgotten, and he is deserving of high praise; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 136th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend Ken Thomas on his exemplary service and wish him happiness and fulfillment in the years to come; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Ken Thomas.