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**H. R. No. 112**

**Representatives Reineke, Ramos**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring Dr. R. Peter Richards as the recipient of  
a 2014 Ohio Lake Erie Award.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to pay tribute to Dr. R. Peter Richards on being presented with a 2014 Ohio Lake Erie Award by the Ohio Lake Erie Commission; and

WHEREAS, The Ohio Lake Erie Commission honors one person and one organization each year for their work to protect and restore Lake Erie and its watershed, and Pete Richards has been selected for this recognition. Joining Heidelberg University's National Water Quality Laboratory as a chemical limnologist in 1978, he served as director and as a senior research associate before retiring in 2014, and during his tenure, he was instrumental in developing the Richards-Baker Flashiness Index and in studying the relationship between phosphorus loads from tributaries and the formation of harmful algal blooms in Lake Erie. In addition, he discovered two new polytypes of a mineral, and he has given numerous water quality presentations and authored or co-authored several peer-reviewed papers; and

WHEREAS, In being selected for this noteworthy distinction, Pete Richards has been acknowledged as a respected leader in his field. Indeed, he has expended countless hours and seemingly inexhaustible energy to the benefit of the environment; and

WHEREAS, Demonstrating a sincere concern for the world around us, Pete Richards has given back far more than he has

gleaned, and his selfless endeavors stand as the hallmark of responsible citizenship. It is through the unsurpassed efforts and consistent support of conscientious individuals such as he that the State of Ohio remains a pleasant place in which to live; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, applaud Dr. R. Peter Richards for exemplary attainment and extend best wishes for ongoing success; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Dr. R. Peter Richards.