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A RESOLUTION

In memory of Louis Stokes.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio extend our deepest condolences to the friends and family of Louis Stokes on the sorrowful occasion of his death; and

WHEREAS, Louis Stokes' zealous love of life and his selfless concern for the welfare of others distinguished him as an outstanding human being and a leading citizen. An attorney and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he was the first African American from Ohio elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served from 1969 to 1999, and during his terms in office, he held such posts as chairman of the Select Committee on Assassinations and member of the

Appropriations Committee. He later served with the law firm of Squire, Sanders, and Dempsey, retiring as senior counsel in 2012, and he was inducted into the Karamu House Hall of Fame in 2007. In addition, the Louis Stokes Museum was established by the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority, and several buildings have been named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, The love, compassion, and understanding Louis Stokes so readily extended to others will long remain in the hearts and minds of all who knew him. Indeed, he was a devoted public servant and community leader whose exemplary career and civic service serve as an inspiration for others; and

WHEREAS, A man of exceptional concern and commitment, Louis Stokes became known for his kindness and his unwavering dedication to service, and his efforts will certainly live beyond him. He will be remembered fondly by all those who loved and cherished him, including his wife, Jay, his four children, Shelley, Angela, Louis, and Lori, and his seven grandchildren; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, pay tribute to the memory of a remarkable man, Louis Stokes; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Louis Stokes.