

**As Introduced**

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**S. R. No. 323**

**Senator Obhof**

**Cosponsors: Senators Bacon, Beagle, Brown, Cafaro, Eklund, Faber,  
Gardner, Gentile, Hite, Hughes, Jones, Jordan, LaRose, Lehner, Manning,  
Oelslager, Patton, Schiavoni, Seitz, Skindell, Tavares, Uecker, Williams,  
Yuko**

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**A RESOLUTION**

In memory of Martha Joan Douglass.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General 1  
Assembly of Ohio were deeply saddened to learn of the death of 2  
Martha Joan Douglass and extend our heartfelt condolences to her 3  
family and friends; and 4

WHEREAS, Martha Joan Douglass left an indelible impression on 5  
the people whose lives she touched, and she will be remembered as 6  
a spirited individual who contributed immeasurably to the world 7  
around her. Serving her community in a variety of ways throughout 8  
her life, she was a trailblazer who was the first woman elected to 9  
the Mansfield City Council, and later served as a member of the 10  
Ohio House of Representatives. She continued to serve the state 11  
and her community for decades and was active in Mansfield First 12  
Evangelical Presbyterian Church; and 13

WHEREAS, Martha Joan Douglass' regard for improving the 14  
quality of life in our society was clearly evident in her personal 15  
sacrifices of time and effort to her family, friends, and 16  
community. Giving generously of her energy and abilities in all of 17  
her endeavors, she displayed exceptional concern and insight, and 18  
her absence will be keenly felt; and 19

WHEREAS, A loving wife to her husband, the late Lawrence, a 20  
devoted mother to her three children, Ronald, Susan, and Melinda, 21  
and the proud grandmother of one grandchild, Tyler, and two great- 22

grandchildren, Colin and Natalie, Martha Joan Douglass always used 23  
her talents to the benefit of others, and the laurels of her life 24  
stand as a tribute not only to her but also to those she left 25  
behind. Although the void her death has created can never be 26  
filled, the legacy of care and commitment she established will 27  
surely live on. The world is a richer place for her having been in 28  
it, and she will be sorely missed; therefore be it 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st 30  
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, express a 31  
profound sense of loss and sincere regret at the death of Martha 32  
Joan Douglass and, in so doing, pay tribute to the memory of a 33  
truly unique individual; 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 Martha Joan 36  
Douglass. 37