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**S. R. No. 522**

**Senator Obhof**

**Cosponsors: Senators Bacon, Balderson, Beagle, Brown, Burke, Cafaro,  
Coley, Eklund, Faber, Gardner, Gentile, Hackett, Hite, Hottinger, Hughes,  
Jones, Jordan, LaRose, Lehner, Manning, Oelslager, Patton, Peterson,  
Sawyer, Schiavoni, Seitz, Skindell, Tavares, Thomas, Uecker, Widener,  
Williams, Yuko**

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**A RESOLUTION**

In memory of William J. Hartnett.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General 1  
Assembly of Ohio offer our deepest sympathy and heartfelt 2  
condolences to the family and many friends of William J. Hartnett 3  
on the sorrowful occasion of his death; and 4

WHEREAS, Although there are no words to ease the sadness now 5  
felt, surely there is solace in having been touched by such an 6  
outstanding person as William J. Hartnett. His distinguished 7  
career - encompassing service in the U.S. Navy during the Korean 8  
War, many years as an educator, coach, and administrator in Wayne, 9  
Ashland, and Richland Counties, time as the Executive Director of 10  
the Mansfield Chamber of Commerce, several terms in the Ohio House 11  
of Representatives, and an appointment as Director of Veteran 12  
Services - stands as a testament to his devotion to his fellow 13  
man. The love, compassion, and understanding that he so readily 14  
extended to others, including his wife and his children, will long 15  
remain in the hearts and minds of all who knew him; and 16

WHEREAS, William J. Hartnett left an indelible impression on 17  
the people whose lives he touched, and he will long be remembered 18  
as a spirited individual who contributed immeasurably to his 19  
community. He demonstrated an unwavering commitment to service--a 20  
legacy that will surely live on; and 21

WHEREAS, William J. Hartnett's concern for improving the 22  
quality of life in our society was clearly evident. Giving 23  
generously of his time, energy, and abilities far beyond what was 24  
required or expected, he displayed exceptional concern and insight 25  
and was tireless in his efforts to better the world around him; 26  
therefore be it 27

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st 28  
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, pay tribute 29  
to the memory of a truly honorable man, William J. Hartnett; and 30  
be it further 31

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 32  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of William J. 33  
Hartnett. 34