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A RESOLUTION

In memory of John R. Bender, Jr., Ph.D.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio extend our sincere condolences to the family and friends of John R. Bender, Jr., Ph.D., on the sorrowful occasion of his death; and

WHEREAS, John Bender was truly a remarkable individual, and his outstanding impact on our state is a fitting legacy. During his career in the field of education, he served as the director of student activities at the University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania State University, and Lorain County Community College, and he was elected to the Elyria City Council and the Ohio House of Representatives before becoming a member of the Ohio State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, John Bender's many contributions to our society, not 13
just as a politician but also as a member of such organizations as 14
the Ohio Environmental Council, the Avon and Lorain County 15
historical society boards, the Elyria Knights of Columbus, the 16
Elyria NAACP, Sigma Chi Fraternity, and St. Jude Church, certainly 17
made the world a better place. He was deeply committed to 18
improving life for everyone and was deeply beloved by all who knew 19
him. His absence will be keenly felt; and 20

WHEREAS, A loving husband, a devoted father to his two 21
children, Jay and Jennifer, and his three stepchildren, Dan, 22
Sherri, and Penny, and a doting grandfather to his eleven 23
grandchildren, Josh, Jacob, Jami, Alex, Megan, Andrew, Carson, 24
Kristen, Ben, Marissa, and the late Lilli, John Bender always used 25
his talents to the benefit of those around him, and the laurels of 26
his life stand as a tribute not only to him but also to those he 27
left behind. Although the void created by his death can never be 28
filled, the legacy of care and commitment he established will 29
surely live on. It is certain that he made the world a richer 30
place, and he will be sorely missed; therefore be it 31

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 32
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 33
this Resolution, mourn the loss of John R. Bender, Jr., Ph.D., and 34
salute his memory; and be it further 35

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 36
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the 37
family of John R. Bender, Jr., Ph.D. 38