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Senator Schiavoni

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Skindell, Gardner, Thomas, Hackett, Dolan, Manning, Balderson, Hoagland,
Peterson, Wilson, Hite, Oelslager**

A RESOLUTION

In memory of Harry Meshel.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General 1
Assembly of Ohio were deeply saddened to learn of the death of 2
Harry Meshel and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family 3
and friends; and 4

WHEREAS, Harry Meshel left an indelible impression on the 5
people whose lives he touched, and he will be remembered as a 6
spirited individual who contributed immeasurably to the world 7
around him. A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he commenced his 8
political career in 1963 as an administrative assistant to the 9
mayor of Youngstown, later becoming the city's director of urban 10
renewal, and he went on to serve more than twenty-two years as a 11
member of the Ohio Senate, holding such posts as president, 12
minority leader, assistant president pro tempore, and chairman of 13
the Finance Committee and leading such projects as the creation of 14
the Ohio Boxing Commission and the development of Lake Milton 15
State Park. The chairman of the Ohio Democratic Party for nearly 16
two years, he also taught at Youngstown State University, and he 17
was a dynamic advocate for the school and the entire Mahoning 18
Valley; and 19

WHEREAS, Harry Meshel's regard for improving the quality of 20
life in our society was clearly evident in his personal sacrifices 21
of time and effort to his family, friends, and community. Giving 22
generously of his energy and abilities in all of his endeavors, he 23

displayed exceptional concern and insight, and his absence will be 24
keenly felt; and 25

WHEREAS, Harry Meshel always used his talents to the benefit 26
of others, and the laurels of his life stand as a tribute not only 27
to him but also to those he left behind. Although the void his 28
death has created can never be filled, the legacy of care and 29
commitment he established will surely live on. The world is a 30
richer place for his having been in it, and he will be sorely 31
missed; therefore be it 32

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 33
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, express a 34
profound sense of loss and sincere regret at the death of Harry 35
Meshel and, in so doing, pay tribute to the memory of a truly 36
unique man; and be it further 37

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 38
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Harry 39
Meshel. 40