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**Senators Bacon, Burke, Kunze**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring Ronette "Roni" Burkes as the Ohio Warden of the Year.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to pay tribute to Ronette "Roni" Burkes on receiving the Warden of the Year Award from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction; and

WHEREAS, Selection for this distinction is an honor of which Roni Burkes can be proud, for she has been chosen for her diligence, enthusiasm, and sterling work ethic, as well as her unwavering dedication to excellence. A former volunteer at the Ohio Reformatory for Women, she began working for the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction in 2000, and she held such posts as victim advocate, administrative assistant, and deputy warden before being promoted to warden of ORW in 2013. During her tenure, she was instrumental in the creation of programs for offenders to sing to terminally ill children in South Africa and to assist people in need in the local community, and she has been active with the Harmony Project. Indeed, her efforts have helped to guarantee a high level of success for all projects with which she has been involved, and we applaud her on her tremendous work; and

WHEREAS, The exceptional manner in which Roni Burkes has fulfilled her myriad responsibilities has earned her the respect and gratitude of her peers and of the community she has so capably served. She is certainly to be commended for her superior performance on the job and for her commitment to carrying out her duties; and

WHEREAS, At a time when many people are content to take a

passive role in life, Roni Burkes has chosen a vocation through 27  
which she has helped to ensure the well-being of her fellow 28  
citizens, and clearly, she is deserving of acknowledgement. This 29  
accomplishment is a justifiable source of pride and an outstanding 30  
reflection not only on her but also on her family, her colleagues, 31  
her staff, and her community; therefore be it 32

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 33  
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 34  
congratulate Ronette "Roni" Burkes on this esteemed honor and 35  
extend best wishes for ongoing success; and be it further 36

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 37  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Ronette "Roni" Burkes. 38