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Senator Kunze

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Skindell, LaRose, Gardner, Yuko, Beagle, Dolan, Lehner, Balderson, Burke,
Hoagland, Huffman**



A RESOLUTION

In memory of Earle Bruce.

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

WHEREAS, Earle Bruce 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 former high school football coach, he was an 8
assistant football coach at The Ohio State University and the head 9
football coach at the University of Tampa and Iowa State 10
University before returning to OSU to serve as its head football 11
coach from 1979 to 1987, leading the Buckeyes to an 81-26-1 record 12
and four Big Ten Conference championships during his tenure. After 13
stints coaching at the University of Northern Iowa, at Colorado 14
State University, and in the Arena Football League, he retired to 15
become an Ohio State football radio commentator for WTVN-AM, and 16
he was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2003; 17
and 18

WHEREAS, Earle Bruce's regard for improving the quality of 19
life in our society was clearly evident in his personal sacrifices 20
of time and effort to his family, friends, and community. Giving 21
generously of his energy and abilities in all of his endeavors, he 22

displayed exceptional concern and insight, and his absence will be 23
keenly felt; and 24

WHEREAS, A loving husband to his wife, the late Jean, a 25
devoted father to his four daughters, Lynn, Michele, Aimee, and 26
Noel, and a doting grandfather to his nine grandchildren and 27
three great-grandchildren, Earle Bruce always used his talents to 28
the benefit of others, and the laurels of his life stand as a 29
tribute not only to him but also to those he left behind. Although 30
the void his death has created can never be filled, the legacy of 31
care and commitment he established will surely live on; therefore 32
be it 33

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 34
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, express a 35
profound sense of loss and sincere regret at the death of Earle 36
Bruce and, in so doing, pay tribute to the memory of a truly 37
unique man; and be it further 38

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 39
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Earle 40
Bruce. 41