

## As Introduced

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**Senator Obhof**

**Cosponsors: Senators Bacon, Beagle, Brown, Burke, Coley, Dolan, Eklund,  
Gardner, Hackett, Hoagland, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, Kunze, LaRose,  
Lehner, Manning, McColley, O'Brien, Oelslager, Peterson, Schiavoni,  
Skindell, Sykes, Terhar, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Wilson, Yuko**

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### A RESOLUTION

Honoring Senator Charleta B. Tavares for outstanding  
service to the Ohio Senate

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General  
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to  
Senator Charleta B. Tavares for her loyal service to the Ohio  
Senate; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her distinguished tenure as a member of  
the Ohio Senate, Charleta B. Tavares has demonstrated an  
unwavering dedication to performing her duties and fulfilling her  
responsibilities with the utmost efficiency and competence.  
Representing the 15th District, she has ably served as assistant  
minority leader, as a ranking member of the Health, Human  
Services, and Medicaid and Joint Medicaid Oversight committees,  
and as a member of the Finance Committee and vice chair of its  
Health and Medicaid Subcommittee, as well as of the  
Transportation, Commerce and Labor, Agriculture, and Rules and  
Reference committees, and with commendable determination and  
resolve, she has brought her talents and experience to bear on the  
ever-changing needs and issues of the Ohio General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Charleta B. Tavares has given willingly of her time  
and energy far beyond what was required or expected and has  
displayed a genuine commitment to improving the quality of life in  
our society. Serving as a member of Columbus City Council from

1999 to 2000, she has demonstrated her love for the City of 22  
Columbus and the State of Ohio and her sincere desire to serve her 23  
constituents to the best of her ability. She is a truly concerned 24  
and responsible public servant, and throughout her career, she has 25  
been a tireless champion of the marginalized in our community, 26  
focusing her priorities on the elimination of health, education, 27  
and criminal justice disparities, protecting the consumer, and 28  
improving Ohio's infrastructure. She enacted several pieces of 29  
legislation to reduce infant mortality, eliminate disparities 30  
among African-American babies, establish mental health and drug 31  
coverage parity in prescription drugs for cancer patients, update 32  
Ohio's criminal code, and modernize the record sealing law, and 33  
she was responsible for the establishment of the Family Stability 34  
Commission; and 35

WHEREAS, Election to public office is one of the highest 36  
honors that the people in a democracy can bestow upon a fellow 37  
citizen. Throughout her service as a member of the Ohio Senate, 38  
Charleta B. Tavares has consistently maintained a high degree of 39  
achievement and has displayed a level of integrity and commitment 40  
that has earned her the respect and admiration of colleagues on 41  
both sides of the political aisle. Whether engaged in floor debate 42  
or in committee deliberations, she has brought a full measure of 43  
enthusiasm, intelligence, and public spirit to her duties and has 44  
effectively served her constituents and the Great State of Ohio; 45  
therefore be it 46

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 47  
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, applaud 48  
Senator Charleta B. Tavares on her exemplary service to the Ohio 49  
Senate and extend best wishes for happiness and fulfillment in the 50  
years to come; and be it further 51

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 52  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Senator Charleta B. 53  
Tavares. 54