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A BILL

To enact sections 5.015, 5.2522, 5.2524, 5.2525, 1
and 5.2526 of the Revised Code to create a 2
suggested ceremonial procedure for retiring an 3
Ohio state flag and to designate March as 4
"Cardiac Amyloidosis Recognition Month," April 5
26 as "Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA) Day," 6
September as "Hirschsprung's Disease Awareness 7
Month," and November 16 as "Sanfilippo Syndrome 8
Awareness Day." 9

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 5.015, 5.2522, 5.2524, 5.2525, 10
and 5.2526 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 11

Sec. 5.015. (A) The general assembly recommends the 12
following ceremonial procedure for the retirement of the state 13
flag, to be followed, voluntarily, with respect and dignity, by 14

civilians and civilian groups or organizations. 15

(B) The ceremony shall consist of three parts: a preamble, 16
a pledge, and the retirement by burning of the separated parts 17
of the state flag. 18

(C) Before the ceremony to retire the state flag, the 19
dedicated parts of the state flag shall be separated as 20
specified in division (G) of this section in preparation for the 21
ceremony. A written preamble as set forth in division (D) of 22
this section shall be provided to all persons upon entering the 23
premises where the ceremony will occur along with a copy of the 24
pledge set forth in section 5.013 of the Revised Code. 25

(D) The preamble to the ceremony shall state the 26
following: 27

I am the flag of the state of Ohio. 28

My first witness to our country as your state symbol was 29
to the assassination of President William McKinley on September 30
14, 1901. 31

Our state went nearly one hundred years without a flag to 32
represent us. 33

The spirit of Ohio is within me. 34

I represent everything: from the hills and valleys, to the 35
rivers and roadways of our great state. 36

I call our state great for many reasons. 37

Some have called our state the Mother of Presidents. 38

Eight of our nation's presidents have been born among 39
these hills and valleys. 40

Know that, in my retirement, my spirit must live on. 41

The spirit of Ohio must live on! 42

The history of yesterday, the gifts of the present, and 43
the future of tomorrow. 44

These principles are woven into me! 45

(E) All persons present who are able, should be asked to 46
stand at attention with their right hands placed over their 47
hearts or with the appropriate salute during the pledge to the 48
flag. A speaker shall lead the group in stating the pledge set 49
forth in section 5.013 of the Revised Code. 50

(F) After the pledge, the speaker shall ask that the 51
stripes be brought forth, stating: "Please bring forth the 52
stripes of our flag. These stripes represent the roads and 53
waterways of Ohio. Let them now be retired by fire." The speaker 54
shall then ask that the union and stars be brought forth, 55
stating: "Please bring forth the blue union and stars of our 56
flag. This union represents the hills and valleys of Ohio. These 57
stars represent our joining the Union as the 17th state. Now let 58
them be retired by fire. As we continue about our daily lives, 59
keep in mind the spirit of the flag and know that it lives on." 60

(G) The dedicated parts of the state flag shall be cut in 61
separate parts including the triangular blue union with stars as 62
one piece, the three red stripes as three separate pieces, and 63
the two white stripes as two additional pieces. The five stripes 64
shall be presented upon the request of the speaker. The blue 65
union and stars shall be presented as one piece upon the request 66
of the speaker. 67

Sec. 5.2522. The sixteenth day of November is designated 68
as "Sanfilippo Syndrome Awareness Day." 69

Sec. 5.2524. The month of March is designated as "Cardiac 70

Amyloidosis Recognition Month. 71

Sec. 5.2525. The twenty-sixth day of April is designated 72
as "Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA) Awareness Day." 73

Sec. 5.2526. The month of September is designated as 74
"Hirschsprung's Disease Awareness Month" to increase public 75
awareness of Hirschsprung's disease and encourage caregivers of 76
newborns to seek an early diagnosis and proper treatment of the 77
disease. 78