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**S. R. No. 404**

**Senators Peterson, Obhof**

**Cosponsors: Senators Brenner, Craig, Eklund, Fedor, Gavarone, Hottinger,  
Huffman, M., Huffman, S., Johnson, Lehner, Maharath, McColley, Roegner,  
Rulli, Schaffer, Schuring, Wilson, Yuko**

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**A RESOLUTION**

In memory of Cooper Snyder.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 133rd General 1  
Assembly of Ohio were deeply saddened to learn of the death of 2  
Cooper Snyder and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family 3  
and friends; and 4

WHEREAS, Cooper Snyder's boundless compassion, remarkable 5  
humor, and selfless concern for the welfare of others 6  
distinguished him as an outstanding human being and a leading 7  
citizen. Known for his skill in analyzing complex problems, 8  
illustrating them with amusing anecdotes, and providing clear 9  
solutions, he represented the 14th Senate District in the Ohio 10  
General Assembly from 1979 to 1996 and served as the chairman of 11  
the Senate Education and Retirement, the Legislative Office of 12  
Education Oversight, and the Ohio Retirement Study committees. He 13  
was a trusted mentor to many and a passionate advocate for 14  
education reform throughout his tenure, and his tireless efforts 15  
earned him numerous accolades, including his status as the only 16  
two-time recipient of the American Legislative Exchange Council's 17  
Outstanding State Legislator Award. Clearly, he was a dedicated 18  
public servant whose noteworthy career serves as an inspiration 19  
for others; and 20

WHEREAS, Cooper Snyder manifested those virtues we all seek 21  
to emulate through his work in such various roles as the 22  
proprietor of Snyder's Hardware, a Sunday school teacher, a 23

Rotarian, a Mason, a member of the Great Oaks Task Force and the 24  
Clinton County Board of Education, and a trustee for the Ohio 25  
School Board Association, the Ohio Hardware Association, and the 26  
University of Rio Grande. Clearly, he led an exemplary life, and 27  
it is certain that the world is a richer place for his having been 28  
in it. He will be sorely missed; and 29

WHEREAS, Giving of his time, energy, and abilities far beyond 30  
what was required or expected, Cooper Snyder displayed exceptional 31  
civic concern and insight, and his personal sacrifices to his 32  
family, his friends, his community, and the State of Ohio will 33  
certainly live beyond him. The warmth and understanding that he so 34  
readily extended to others, including his wife, the late Dorothy, 35  
his six children, Phillip, Harry, Marianne, Emily, Elizabeth, and 36  
the late Victoria, his fourteen grandchildren, and his twelve 37  
great-grandchildren, will stand as a monument to his personal 38  
character, and he will long be remembered for his unwavering 39  
commitment to service. Though the void that his death has created 40  
can never be filled, his estimable legacy will stand as a 41  
testament to his superb personal character; therefore be it 42

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd 43  
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, express a 44  
profound sense of loss and sincere regret at the death of 45  
Cooper Snyder and, in doing so, pay tribute to the memory of a 46  
truly exceptional man; and be it further 47

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 48  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Cooper 49  
Snyder. 50