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Senator Obhof

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A R E S O L U T I O N

In memory of Richard D. Goddard.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 133rd General Assembly of Ohio extend our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Richard D. Goddard in their bereavement; and	1 2 3
WHEREAS, Dick Goddard's love of life and his selfless concern for the residents of Cleveland distinguished him as an outstanding human being and a leading citizen. A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, he was a longtime resident of Northeast Ohio, and he enjoyed a storied career as a broadcaster for the National Weather Service at the Akron-Canton Regional Airport and as an iconic meteorologist at WJW-TV in Cleveland, where he worked for more than fifty years; and	4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
WHEREAS, A man of exceptional concern and commitment, Dick Goddard became a passionate advocate against animal abuse that led to his namesake legislation in 2016, "Goddard's Law," which makes it a fifth-degree felony to knowingly cause harm to a companion animal. Truly, he has left a lasting legacy for others to emulate; and	12 13 14 15 16 17
WHEREAS, Dick Goddard's personal sacrifices of time and energy to his family, including his daughter, Kimberly, his friends, his community, and the State of Ohio will certainly live beyond him, and he will be remembered fondly by all those who knew and loved him. Though the void his death has created can never be filled, the warmth and understanding he so readily extended to others will stand as a testament to his personal character; therefore be it	18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25
RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd	26

General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, pay tribute   27
to the memory of a truly honorable man, Richard D. Goddard; and be   28
it further   29

    RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly   30
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Richard D.   31
Goddard.   32