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**S. R. No. 575**

**Senator Brenner**

**Cosponsors: Senators Craig, Kunze, Maharath**



**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring John Bushnell "Jack" Hanna on his retirement.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 133rd General 1  
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to John 2  
Bushnell "Jack" Hanna on the occasion of his retirement as 3  
director emeritus of the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, December 31, 4  
2020; and 5

WHEREAS, Throughout his distinguished career, Jack Hanna has 6  
demonstrated an unwavering dedication to performing his duties and 7  
fulfilling his responsibilities with the utmost efficiency and 8  
competence. Commencing his tenure as director of the Columbus Zoo 9  
and Aquarium in 1978, he helped transform the institution into a 10  
global leader, and he has been instrumental to the opening of such 11  
exhibits as the Wilds and the Heart of Africa. Despite stepping 12  
back in 1992 to assume the role of director emeritus, he has 13  
continued his work to educate the public, and over the years, he 14  
has authored many books, hosted multiple television series, and 15  
appeared on numerous media programs to promote animal 16  
conservation; and 17

WHEREAS, Diligent and painstaking in all his endeavors, Jack 18  
Hanna has achieved a noteworthy record of service, and he has 19  
distinguished himself as an outstanding Ohioan. Indeed, he has 20  
displayed a genuine commitment to protecting our planet's diverse 21  
wildlife, and he is deserving of commendation; and 22

WHEREAS, The enthusiasm and expertise which Jack Hanna has 23  
shown in his endeavors have earned him the respect of all those 24  
with whom he has worked. As he retires, he has the satisfaction of 25

knowing that he has provided a vital service not only to the 26  
animal kingdom but also to the residents of Ohio and to future 27  
generations of learners and enthusiasts. Clearly, he has 28  
established a record of environmental stewardship that will stand 29  
as a hallmark for others to emulate; therefore be it 30

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd 31  
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 32  
congratulate John Bushnell "Jack" Hanna on his retirement and 33  
salute him as one of Ohio's finest citizens; and be it further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 35  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to John Bushnell "Jack" 36  
Hanna. 37