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Senator Peterson

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A RESOLUTION

Honoring President Larry Obhof for outstanding service to the Ohio Senate.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 133rd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to President Larry Obhof for his loyal service to the Ohio Senate; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his distinguished tenure as a member of the Ohio Senate since 2011, Larry Obhof has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to performing his duties and fulfilling his responsibilities with the utmost efficiency and competence. A skilled attorney and an adjunct law professor who has taught courses on civil procedure and legislation, he rose steadily through the ranks of Senate leadership, serving as majority whip and president pro tempore before becoming president in 2017. Representing the 22nd District, he also is the chair of the Rules and Reference Committee and the Legislative Service Commission, the vice chair of the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee, and a member of the Intergovernmental Policy Advisory Committee on Trade. He has been a staunch advocate of fiscal responsibility, smaller and more efficient government, and lower taxes, and he has earned a reputation for his willingness to work across party lines and for his focus on enhancing the state's economy. Bringing his considerable talents and experience to bear on the ever-changing needs and issues of the Ohio General Assembly, he has demonstrated commendable determination and resolve that are worthy

of emulation; and 22

WHEREAS, Larry Obhof has given willingly of his time and energy 23
far beyond what was required or expected and has displayed a genuine 24
commitment to improving the quality of life in our society. He has 25
sponsored legislation covering a wide range of issues, including 26
education, civil and criminal law, election administration, and 27
taxation, and he has adeptly steered both the policy agenda and the 28
legislative process in the Ohio Senate. For his tremendous 29
contributions, he has received such accolades as being named 30
Legislator of the Year by the Public Children Services Association of 31
Ohio, Watchdog of the Treasury by the United Conservatives of Ohio, 32
Friend of Agriculture by the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, and Guardian 33
of Small Business by the National Federation of Independent Business. 34
In addition, he received the 2015 Outstanding Legislator Award from 35
the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants and the 2018 Lawyer- 36
Legislator Distinguished Service Award from the Ohio State Bar 37
Association. His love for Ohio and his sincere desire to serve its 38
people to the best of his ability have shown him to be a truly 39
concerned and responsible public servant, and he has been instrumental 40
to the growth and prosperity of our state; and 41

WHEREAS, Election to public office is one of the highest honors 42
that the people in a democracy can bestow upon a fellow citizen. 43
Throughout his service as a member of the Ohio Senate and as its 44
president, Larry Obhof has consistently maintained a high degree of 45
achievement and has displayed a level of integrity and commitment that 46
has earned him the respect and admiration of colleagues on both sides 47
of the political aisle. Whether engaged in floor debate or in 48
committee deliberations, he has brought a full measure of enthusiasm, 49
intelligence, and public spirit to his duties and has effectively 50
served his constituents and the Great State of Ohio; therefore be it 51

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd General 52
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, applaud President Larry 53
Obhof on his exemplary service to the Ohio Senate and offer best 54
wishes for happiness and fulfillment in the years to come; and be it 55
further 56

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 57
authenticated copy of this Resolution to President Larry Obhof. 58