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Skindell, O'Brien, Smith, K., West, Weinstein, Lepore-Hagan, Holmes,
Crossman, Troy, Sobecki, Russo, Crawley, Lightbody**

A RESOLUTION

A resolution urging Congress to award a 1
Congressional Gold Medal to the late Senator John 2
Glenn and the late Mrs. Annie Glenn. 3

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
OHIO:**

WHEREAS, John Glenn was born on July 18, 1921, in 4
Cambridge, Ohio, in a white clapboard house to father John 5
Herschel Glenn and mother Clara Sproat Glenn on Foster Avenue; 6
and 7

WHEREAS, John Glenn's parents grew up in historic 8
Cambridge, Ohio, a city internationally recognized for the 9
manufacture of quality glass products and located in the 10
foothills of the Appalachian mountains in southeastern Ohio; and 11

WHEREAS, Annie Glenn was born on February 17, 1920, in 12
Columbus, Ohio, to Dr. Homer and Margaret Castor and soon moved 13
to New Concord, Ohio, where the Castor family and Glenn family 14
would soon become family friends; and 15

WHEREAS, John Glenn and Annie Castor Glenn met as infants 16
in Concord, Ohio, and became best friends; and 17

WHEREAS, John Glenn launched a career of exploration and service to his nation that would take him from a small city in southeast Ohio firmly rooted in America's heartland to the skies and beyond into outer space; and

WHEREAS, John Glenn graduated from New Concord High School and attended Muskingum College before enlisting in the Navy and later transferred to the Marine Corps, where he flew one hundred forty-nine missions during World War II and the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, John Glenn married his beloved friend Annie Castor Glenn in 1943; and

WHEREAS, John Glenn was accepted into the United States space program on February 20, 1962, and piloted the Friendship 7 spacecraft around the earth three times, becoming the first American to orbit the earth; and

WHEREAS, John Glenn's orbit around the earth inspired other Ohio astronauts, including Neil Armstrong from Wapakoneta, Ohio, who was the first man to walk on the moon and Judith Resnik from Akron, Ohio, who was the second American female astronaut; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to the achievements of the Wright brothers, John Glenn, Neil Armstrong, and Judith Resnick, Ohio is known as the birthplace of aviation pioneers; and

WHEREAS, John Glenn retired from the Marine Corps as a colonel and became a United States Senator representing Ohio from 1975 to 1999; and

WHEREAS, John Glenn sought the Democratic Party's presidential nomination in 1984; and

WHEREAS, After John Glenn's return from space and upon his retirement from the Senate, John and Annie Glenn founded the John Glenn Institute for Public Service and Public Policy at the Ohio State University to improve the quality of public service and encourage young people to pursue careers in government; and

WHEREAS, Annie Glenn suffered from a stuttering problem and 49
completed an intensive program at the Communications Research 50
Institute at Hollins College in Roanoke, Virginia; and 51

WHEREAS, Annie Glenn was one of the nation's leading 52
advocates for Americans with communicative disorders; and 53

WHEREAS, Annie Glenn had a special interest in programs 54
aiding children, the elderly, and Americans with communicative 55
disorders; and 56

WHEREAS, Ohio law designates the seventeenth day of 57
February as Annie Glenn Communication Disorders Awareness Day; 58
and 59

WHEREAS, John Glenn passed away in Columbus, Ohio, on 60
December 8, 2016, at the age of ninety-five and millions of 61
Americans mourned the passing of a true American hero; and 62

WHEREAS, Annie Glenn passed away in Saint Paul, Minnesota, 63
on May 19, 2020, at the age of one hundred; and 64

WHEREAS, John and Annie Glenn have touched the lives of 65
millions of Ohioans and Americans; and 66

WHEREAS, John and Annie Glenn have made our nation a better 67
place; and 68

WHEREAS, John and Annie Glenn have inspired America's 69
newest generation to achieve its goals and to give back to its 70
state and nation through public service; and 71

WHEREAS, John and Annie Glenn are deserving of receiving a 72
Congressional Gold Medal; now therefore be it 73

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Ohio House of 74
Representatives of the 134th General Assembly of the State of 75
Ohio, urge Congress to pass legislation awarding the late 76
Senator John Glenn and late Mrs. Annie Glenn a Congressional 77
Gold Medal; and be it further 78

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives	79
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the	80
members of the Ohio Congressional delegation and the news media	81
of Ohio.	82