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A RESOLUTION

In memory of the Honorable James Patrick Celebrezze.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 134th 1
General Assembly of Ohio were deeply saddened to learn of the death of 2
the Honorable James Patrick Celebrezze and extend our heartfelt 3
condolences to his family and friends; and 4

WHEREAS, Jim Celebrezze's zealous love of life and his selfless 5
concern for the welfare of others distinguished him as an outstanding 6
human being and as an exemplary public servant. Among his endeavors, 7
he was a veteran of the U.S. Army, a judge with the U.S. Naval Reserve 8
Judge Advocate General Corps, from which he retired after twenty-four 9
years of service with the rank of commander, and an attorney in 10
private practice with Celebrezze Group, LLC. Committed to his family's 11
tradition of servant leadership, he was elected to the Ohio House of 12

Representatives from 1963 to 1973, and he furthered his legal career 13
as the law director for the cities of Brook Park and Broadview 14
Heights, the 138th justice on the Ohio State Supreme Court, and a 15
judge for the Eighth District Court of Appeals and the Cuyahoga County 16
Court of Common Pleas Domestic Relations Division, from which he 17
retired; and 18

WHEREAS, Jim Celebrezze will be remembered fondly by all those 19
who knew and loved him, and his absence will leave an irreparable void 20
in our society. He was admired by friends and family alike for his 21
positive philosophy of life and his dedication to others, and his 22
generosity, talents, and seemingly inexhaustible energy are a pleasure 23
to recall; and 24

WHEREAS, Jim Celebrezze made the world much fuller, especially 25
for the individuals who had a treasured relationship with him, 26
including his wife, Daria, his children, James, Leslie, and Nicholas, 27
and his grandchildren, Halle, Nina, Jimmy, Ian, Camille, William, and 28
Luka. It is our hope that those he left behind can find strength in 29
the love of family, warmth in the embrace of friends, and solace in 30
the happy memories of this truly unique man. Clearly, the State of 31
Ohio is a richer place for his having been in it, and the vitality and 32
commitment of this exceptional human being has left an enduring 33
legacy; therefore be it 34

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 35
the 134th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 36
express a profound sense of loss and sincere regret at the death of 37
the Honorable James Patrick Celebrezze and, in so doing, pay tribute 38
to the memory of a truly unique individual; and be it further 39

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 40
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of the 41
Honorable James Patrick Celebrezze. 42