

As Adopted by the Senate

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S. R. No. 16

Senator Kunze

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the E.E. Ward Moving and Storage Company on its
One Hundred Fortieth Anniversary.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 134th General Assembly
of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the E.E. Ward Moving and Storage
Company on the auspicious occasion of its One Hundred Fortieth
Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Recognition of this prestigious milestone is a fitting
tribute to E.E. Ward, for throughout the past one hundred forty years,
this fine business has attained a remarkable record of service to the
State of Ohio. John T. Ward and his son, William Ward, founded the
moving company as the Ward Transfer Line in 1881, and it was renamed
the E.E. Ward Transfer and Storage Company under the leadership of
Edgar Earl Ward. Today it has evolved into E.E. Ward, with locations
in Grove City, Ohio, and Charlotte, North Carolina, and the endeavor
has left a legacy through its inclusion in the 2003 Congressional
Record, where the United States Department of Commerce has
acknowledged it as the oldest known continuously operating Black-owned
business in the country; and

WHEREAS, The success of E.E. Ward is a justifiable source of pride
and an outstanding reflection not only on the business itself but also
on its owners, Brian and Dominique Brooks, and on its astute
management and hard-working employees. Due to their vision and
initiative, this respected institution has earned the gratitude and
appreciation of generations of customers, and they are truly deserving
of high praise; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, E.E. Ward has enhanced the quality of
life within the surrounding area. We are certain that as this worthy
enterprise maintains its dedication to service and achievement, it

will continue to prosper and uphold the tradition of excellence that 27
has long been its hallmark; therefore be it 28

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 134th General 29
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend the E.E. Ward 30
Moving and Storage Company on its One Hundred Fortieth Anniversary and 31
salute it as a leader in its industry; and be it further 32

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 33
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the E.E. Ward Moving and 34
Storage Company. 35