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Rulli, Schaffer, Schuring, Sykes, Thomas, Williams, Wilson**

A RESOLUTION

In memory of Dick Schafrath.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 134th General Assembly 1
of Ohio were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Dick Schafrath 2
and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends; and 3

WHEREAS, Dick Schafrath's boundless compassion, remarkable humor, 4
and selfless concern for the welfare of others distinguished him as an 5
outstanding human being and a leading citizen. He lived a remarkable 6
life, playing with The Ohio State Buckeyes, where he was instrumental 7
in the team winning the 1957 National Championship, and spending 8
thirteen seasons with the Cleveland Browns, where he earned numerous 9
Pro Bowl and All-Pro honors and helped lead the team to the 1964 NFL 10
Championship. Not satisfied to rest on his laurels, he was appointed 11
to the Ohio State Senate in 1985, a post that he held until he retired 12
in 2000. During his tenure, he received the NFIB Legislator of the 13
Year, Watchdog of the Treasury, Veterans Man of the Year, and State 14
Government Man of the Year awards, and he demonstrated himself to be a 15
dedicated public servant whose noteworthy career serves as an 16
inspiration for others; and 17

WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Dick Schafrath manifested those 18
virtues we all seek to emulate, and he gave back to his community 19
through his involvement with various organizations, including 20
Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Ohio Farm Bureau, the American 21
Legion, and Cleveland Browns Alumni. Clearly, he led an exemplary 22

life, and it is certain that the world is a richer place for his 23
having been in it; and 24

WHEREAS, Giving of his time, energy, and abilities far beyond what 25
was required or expected, Dick Schafrath displayed exceptional civic 26
concern and insight, and his personal sacrifices to the State of Ohio, 27
his community, his friends, and his family, including his wife of 28
thirteen years, Judith, his nine children, Orie, Michael, Jeff, Renee, 29
Ty, Heidi, Bruin, Gerrit, and Isaac, and his many treasured 30
grandchildren and great-grandchildren, will certainly live beyond him. 31
Though the void that his death has created can never be filled, his 32
estimable legacy will stand as a testament to his superb personal 33
character; therefore be it 34

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 134th General 35
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, express a profound 36
sense of loss and sincere regret at the death of Dick Schafrath and, 37
in doing so, pay tribute to the memory of a truly exceptional man; and 38
be it further 39

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 40
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Dick Schafrath. 41