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Senators Schuring, Maharath

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Betsy Houchen on her retirement from the Ohio Board of Nursing.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 134th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to pay tribute to Betsy Houchen on her retirement as executive director of the Ohio Board of Nursing, September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Betsy Houchen is worthy of recognition, for she has combined civic concern with the utmost professionalism to become a respected leader in Ohio's public health and nursing communities through her nearly twenty years with the Ohio Board of Nursing. Commencing her tenure as a staff attorney in the compliance division prior to being appointed executive director, a post she has held for the past sixteen years, she has given freely of her time and talent to support Ohio's nurses as well as ensure the public's confidence in the profession; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her career, Betsy Houchen has clearly shown the potential of each person to have a positive effect on the quality of life in our society. Among her accomplishments as the head of the Ohio Board of Nursing, which regulates the largest number of licensed professionals of any agency in the state, Director Houchen implemented Compliance Unit protocols and helped develop the Patient Safety Initiative, and she was selected as a member of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Board of Directors. She has certainly distinguished herself as a conscientious and responsible Ohioan whose endeavors are deserving of acknowledgement; and

WHEREAS, We are proud to note that it is through the unsurpassed efforts and deep commitment of diligent people such as Betsy Houchen that the State of Ohio continues to grow and prosper. To her credit,

she has displayed a genuine dedication to attaining her goals in a 27
skillful and professional manner by striving to advocate for optimal 28
public health, and we applaud her on her fine work; therefore be it 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 134th General 30
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend Betsy Houchen 31
on her retirement and extend best wishes for the years to come; and be 32
it further 33

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 34
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Betsy Houchen. 35