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Lang, Maharath, Manning, McColley, O'Brien, Peterson, Reineke, Roegner,
Romanchuk, Rulli, Schaffer, Schuring, Sykes, Thomas, Williams, Wilson**

A RESOLUTION

In memory of Edna Brown.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 134th General Assembly 1
of Ohio are deeply saddened to learn of the death of Edna Brown and 2
extend our heartfelt condolences to her family and friends; and 3

WHEREAS, Edna Brown was a devoted public servant for fifty-seven 4
years, and over the course of her exceptional career, she served as an 5
employee of the City of Toledo for thirty-two years and a member of 6
the Toledo City Council for eight years, the Ohio House of 7
Representatives for nine years, representing the 48th District, and 8
the Ohio Senate for eight years, representing the 11th District until 9
her retirement in 2018. She was respected on both sides of the aisle 10
for her diplomacy, character, and resolve, all of which led her 11
colleagues to elect her as the Senate minority whip, and during her 12
tenure with the Ohio General Assembly, she focused on such issues as 13
reducing nutrient runoff from farmland into Lake Erie, advocating for 14
workers' compensation benefits for emergency employees, and passing 15
Shynerra's Law to protect minors. Indeed, she proved herself to be a 16
dedicated civic leader whose noteworthy achievements will stand as an 17
inspiration for others; and 18

WHEREAS, Throughout her life, Edna Brown manifested those virtues 19
we all seek to emulate, and her boundless compassion and selfless 20
concern for the welfare of others distinguished her as an outstanding 21
human being and a leading citizen. Indeed, she was actively involved 22

with numerous organizations, including the National Black Caucus of 23
State Legislators, and it is certain that the world is a richer place 24
for her having been in it; and 25

WHEREAS, Giving of her time, energy, and abilities far beyond what 26
was required or expected, Edna Brown displayed exceptional civic 27
concern and insight that will live beyond her. A remarkable 28
individual, she made personal sacrifices not only to the State of Ohio 29
and her community but also to her friends and family, including her 30
husband, the late Willie, her four daughters, Linda, Cathy, Christine, 31
and the late Carol, and her many treasured grandchildren and great- 32
grandchildren. Though the void that her death has created can never be 33
filled, her estimable legacy will stand as a testament to her superb 34
personal character; therefore be it 35

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 134th General 36
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, express a profound 37
sense of loss and sincere regret at the death of Edna Brown and, in 38
doing so, pay tribute to the memory of a truly exceptional woman; and 39
be it further 40

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 41
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Edna Brown. 42