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**Senators Dolan, Williams**

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**A RESOLUTION**

In memory of Grace L. Drake.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 134th General Assembly of Ohio extend our deepest regrets on the passing of Grace L. Drake and pay tribute to her memory; and

WHEREAS, Grace Drake will be remembered fondly by all those who knew and loved her, and her absence will leave an irreparable void in our society. She was well known and respected throughout the State of Ohio as a tireless advocate for the public good, and her leadership during her sixteen-year tenure in the Ohio Senate will be long remembered and revered; and

WHEREAS, Grace Drake garnered enduring esteem and genuine appreciation from legislators and staff regardless of political affiliation, due in large part to her affability and caring nature. Her passion for community service was always evident in her own approach to public life, and most recently, she served as the executive in residence and director of the Ohio Center for the Advancement of Women in Public Service, a program which she founded as part of the Cleveland State University Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs. Indeed, she was admired by friends and family alike for her positive philosophy of life and her dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, Without question, Grace Drake made the world much fuller, especially for the individuals who had a treasured relationship with her, including her husband, the late William, her daughter, Sandra, and her grandson, John, to whom she was endlessly devoted. All who cherished her can find strength in the love of family, warmth in the embrace of friends, and solace in the happy memories of this truly unique woman. Clearly, the State of Ohio is a richer place for her having been in it, and her vitality and commitment will be sorely

missed; therefore be it 28

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 134th General 29  
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, offer our sincere 30  
condolences over the loss of Grace L. Drake; and be it further 31

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 32  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Grace L. Drake. 33