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Senator Huffman, M.

Cosponsors: Senators McColley, Reineke



A RESOLUTION

Honoring Judge Vernon L. Preston on his retirement.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 134th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to the Honorable Vernon L. Preston on the occasion of his retirement as an Ohio Third District Court of Appeals Judge; and

WHEREAS, Vernon Preston has distinguished himself as a patriotic and hard-working Ohioan, and as a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a graduate of its officer candidate school, he served as a supply corps officer in the submarine force. After he completed six years of active duty, he joined the U.S. Navy Reserve, where over the course of the next twenty-five years, he fulfilled eleven duty assignments, commanded four reserve units, and rose to the rank of captain, from which he retired in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Vernon Preston's military experiences provided a wealth of opportunities for him to demonstrate decisive leadership, and throughout his four decades in the legal profession, he has set himself apart as a responsible public servant and acquired a richly deserved reputation as a thoughtful and persuasive jurist. Indeed, he has enjoyed a storied career as an attorney in private practice, a magistrate and municipal court judge for the City of Findlay, an assistant prosecutor for Hancock County and the City of Findlay, and an adjunct professor of equine law at The University of Findlay. Since his appointment in 2007 and re-election in 2008 and 2014, he has been a judge in Ohio's Third District Court of Appeals, giving willingly of his time, energy, and abilities far beyond what was required or expected; and

WHEREAS, Vernon Preston has brought to the bench dignity and 26
determination, tempered with wisdom and understanding, and he is truly 27
deserving of the esteem and admiration of the community he has so 28
capably served. As he retires, Judge Preston has the satisfaction of 29
knowing that he has made his presence felt by showing sound judgment 30
and a visionary perspective, and he has established a record of 31
achievement that will stand as a hallmark for others to emulate; 32
therefore be it 33

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 134th General 34
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, congratulate Judge 35
Vernon L. Preston on his retirement and wish him health and happiness 36
in the years to come; and be it further 37

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 38
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Judge Vernon L. Preston. 39