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Senator Maharath

Cosponsors: Senators Antonio, Craig, Fedor, Sykes, Thomas, Williams, Yuko

A RESOLUTION

In memory of Otto Beatty, Jr.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 134th General Assembly 1
of Ohio were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Otto Beatty, 2
Jr., and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends; 3
and 4

WHEREAS, Otto Beatty left an indelible impression on the people 5
whose lives he touched, and he will be remembered as a spirited 6
individual who contributed immeasurably to the world around him. Among 7
his many profound endeavors, he was a member of the Denver Broncos 8
football team, the legal counsel for the Black Elected Democrats of 9
Ohio, a deputy director of the Legal Aid Society, and an attorney in 10
private practice, opening one of the largest Black law practices in 11
Ohio, where he worked on numerous landmark cases and appeared in front 12
of the Ohio Supreme Court. During his political career, he served 13
eighteen years in the Ohio House of Representatives, where he 14
participated in such committees as Finance and Appropriations, Health, 15
Retirement, and Aging, and Rules and Reference, and he acted as 16
special counsel to the Ohio Attorney General and chairman of the Ohio 17
Commission on Minority Health. His love for Ohio and his sincere 18
desire to serve its people to the best of his ability reflected his 19
unparalleled character as a truly concerned and responsible public 20
servant; and 21

WHEREAS, Otto Beatty's regard for improving the quality of life in 22
our society was clearly evident in his personal sacrifices of time and 23
effort to his family, friends, and community. Giving generously of his 24
energy and abilities in all of his endeavors, he displayed exceptional 25
concern and insight, and his absence will be keenly felt; and 26

WHEREAS, A loving husband to his wife, U.S. Congresswoman Joyce Beatty, a devoted father to his two children, Otto and Laurel, and a dotting grandfather to his two grandchildren, Leah and Spencer, Otto Beatty always used his talents to the benefit of others, and his lasting integrity stands as a tribute not only to him but also to those he left behind. Although the void his death has created can never be filled, the legacy of care and commitment he established will surely live on, and the world is a richer place for his having been in it; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 134th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, express a profound sense of loss and sincere regret at the death of Otto Beatty, Jr., and, in so doing, pay tribute to the memory of a truly unique individual; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Otto Beatty, Jr.