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**Speaker Stephens, Representatives Russo, Miranda, Abdullahi, Abrams, Baker, Barhorst, Bird, Blackshear, Brennan, Brent, Brewer, Brown, Callender, Carruthers, Claggett, Click, Creech, Cross, Cutrona, Dean, Dell'Aquila, Demetriou, Denson, Dobos, Edwards, Ferguson, Forhan, Fowler Arthur, Galonski, Ghanbari, Grim, Gross, Hall, Hillyer, Holmes, Hoops, Humphrey, Isaacsohn, Jarrells, John, Johnson, Jones, Kick, King, Klopfenstein, Lampton, LaRe, Lear, Lightbody, Lipps, Liston, Lorenz, Loychik, Manchester, Manning, Mathews, McClain, McNally, Merrin, Miller, A., Miller, J., Miller, K., Miller, M., Mohamed, Oelslager, Patton, Pavliga, Peterson, Pizzulli, Plummer, Powell, Ray, Richardson, Robb Blasdel, Robinson, Roemer, Rogers, Santucci, Schmidt, Seitz, Skindell, Somani, Stein, Stewart, Stoltzfus, Swearingen, Sweeney, Thomas, C., Thomas, J., Troy, Upchurch, Weinstein, White, Wiggam, Williams, Willis, Young, B., Young, T.**

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**A RESOLUTION**

In memory of Catherine L. Barrett.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th 1  
General Assembly of Ohio extend our heartfelt condolences to the 2  
family and friends of Catherine L. Barrett in their bereavement; and 3

WHEREAS, Catherine Barrett left an indelible impression in all of 4  
her endeavors, and the State of Ohio benefited exponentially during 5  
her service as an Ohio legislator, a career which spanned four terms 6  
in office. Elected to the 123rd General Assembly as the member for the 7  
32nd District of the Ohio House of Representatives, Catherine Barrett 8  
was a dependable and esteemed advocate of children's education and 9  
health as well as the quality of economic stability for all Ohioans, 10  
and she proved to be a champion for the underprivileged as she fought 11  
for greater access to insurance and affordable housing. During her 12

tenure, she was a member of the Education, Health, Insurance, Finance 13  
and Appropriations, Local Government and Township, and Technology and 14  
Elections committees, and she brought a wealth of experience to her 15  
posts through her storied history of public service as a former city 16  
council member and mayor for the City of Forest Park; and 17

WHEREAS, Catherine Barrett's regard for improving the quality of 18  
life in our society was reflected in her leadership as a financial 19  
consultant and analyst and as a business owner, and she received 20  
countless accolades for her character and strong values, including the 21  
Nefertiti Award and recognition in Who's Who of Society, Who's Who of 22  
U.S. Executives, and Who's Who Worldwide. She was a longtime supporter 23  
of such organizations as NOBEL/Women, the National Foundation of Women 24  
Legislators, the Children's Environmental Health Center, the Ohio 25  
Legislative Black Caucus, and the Advisory Board of the Cincinnati 26  
Chamber of Commerce. Indeed, her meaningful efforts earned her the 27  
respect of many, and her absence will be keenly felt; and 28

WHEREAS, Catherine Barrett always used her talents to the benefit 29  
of others, and the laurels of her life stand as a tribute not only to 30  
her but also to those she left behind. Although the void her death has 31  
created can never be filled, the legacy of care and commitment she 32  
established will surely live on. The world is a richer place for her 33  
having been in it, and the impacts she made during her lifetime will 34  
be her eternal legacy; therefore be it 35

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 36  
the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 37  
express a profound sense of loss and sincere regret at the death of 38  
Catherine L. Barrett and, in so doing, salute the memory of an 39  
honorable woman; and be it further 40

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 41  
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of 42  
Catherine L. Barrett. 43