

As Adopted by the Senate

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S. R. No. 178

Senator Schaffer

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Virgil Strickler on his retirement.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to Virgil Strickler on the occasion of his retirement as general manager of the Ohio Expo Center and State Fair; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his distinguished career, Virgil Strickler has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to performing his duties and fulfilling his responsibilities with the utmost efficiency and competence. Previously working at BancOhio National Bank and the Producers Livestock Association, he became the agricultural director for the Ohio Expo Center and State Fair in 1993, continuing to hold this post while being named assistant general manager in 1998 and general manager in 2004, and he is the longest-running general manager in the history of the fair. During his tenure, he received the Certified Fair Executive designation from the International Association of Fairs and Exhibitions, guided several facility improvements, and started various agricultural education programs, including the nationally-recognized Youth Reserve Program, which has awarded scholarships to more than 44,500 youth exhibitors since its inception in 1995, and he has been accorded numerous accolades, including having the Youth Reserve Program renamed in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Virgil Strickler is, indeed, a remarkable individual, combining civic concern with selfless initiative to become a dynamic leader in Ohio. Always sincere and energetic in his approach to his work, he has given generously of his time and abilities far beyond what was required or expected and has displayed a genuine commitment to improving the quality of life in our society; and

WHEREAS, The enthusiasm and expertise Virgil Strickler has shown

in his endeavors have earned him the respect of all those with whom he 28
has been associated and have made the citizens of his hometown of 29
Amanda exceedingly proud of him. As he retires, he has the 30
satisfaction of knowing that he has provided a valuable service to the 31
state and has established a record of personal and professional 32
achievement that will stand as a hallmark for others to emulate; 33
therefore be it 34

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th General 35
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, congratulate Virgil 36
Strickler on his retirement and salute him as one of Ohio's finest 37
citizens; and be it further 38

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 39
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Virgil Strickler. 40