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**Senator Gavarone**

**Cosponsors: Senators Blessing, Brenner, Cirino, Craig, Dolan, Hackett, Hicks-Hudson, Huffman, M., Huffman, S., Ingram, Kunze, Landis, Lang, McColley, Reynolds, Roegner, Romanchuk, Schaffer, Schuring, Sykes, Wilkin, Wilson**



**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring Chancellor Randy Gardner for exemplary service to the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to applaud Randy Gardner on his service as the chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, Randy Gardner is a remarkable individual, for he has combined civic concern with commitment to become a dynamic leader for the State of Ohio. As the chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education for the past five years, he has dedicated his tenure to making educational opportunities more accessible through such initiatives as spearheading outstanding programming, cooperating with professionals and entities to connect students to Ohio's most in-demand industries, and establishing state-of-the-art resources on campuses across the state. Indeed, his record of excellence will strengthen Ohio's higher education for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Randy Gardner has shown the potential of each person to have a positive effect on the quality of life in our society. He has always been sincere and energetic in his professional endeavors, which have enriched him with experiences in education as a high school history and government teacher, in both chambers of the Ohio General Assembly as an elected official for thirty-three years, and most recently, at the helm of the Ohio Department of Higher Education. He has certainly distinguished himself as a conscientious and responsible Ohioan who is truly deserving of high praise; and

WHEREAS, We are proud to note that the integrity and deep devotion 23  
that are reflected in hard-working people such as Randy Gardner have 24  
been instrumental to furthering the scholastic and professional 25  
success of Ohioans. He has advocated for and assisted his fellow 26  
citizens with compassion and enthusiasm, and he has made unparalleled 27  
contributions to the educational community. We applaud him on his fine 28  
efforts; therefore be it 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th General 30  
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend Chancellor 31  
Randy Gardner on his retirement and look with optimism to a future 32  
that continues to thrive as a result of his diligence; and be it 33  
further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 35  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Randy Gardner. 36