

**As Adopted by the Senate**

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**S. R. No. 306**

**Senator Gavarone**

**Cosponsors: Senators Reineke, Lang, Brenner, Huffman, S., Huffman, M., Wilson,  
Landis, Hicks-Hudson, Cirino, Romanchuk, Hackett, Sykes, Wilkin, Smith, Ingram**

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**A RESOLUTION**

In memory of Charles Frederick Kurfess.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly 1  
of Ohio were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Charles 2  
Frederick Kurfess and pay tribute to his memory; and 3

WHEREAS, Chuck Kurfess will be remembered fondly by all those who 4  
knew him, and his absence will leave an irreparable void in our 5  
society. Widely respected for his tenure with the Ohio General 6  
Assembly, he was an advocate for the growth and progress of the State 7  
of Ohio and its people, and over the course of his twenty-two years as 8  
a legislator, he served the Ohio House of Representatives in such 9  
roles as speaker and minority leader. In addition, he was a veteran of 10  
the U.S. Army, an appointee to the governing board of the executive 11  
committee of the Council of State Governments, a lawyer in private 12  
practice for more than thirty years, and a two-term judge for the Wood 13  
County Court of Common Pleas, and his tremendous experience and 14  
devotion to duty gained him the appreciation of his colleagues and 15  
constituents alike; and 16

WHEREAS, Chuck Kurfess' passion for community service was always 17  
evident in his own approach to public life, and he dedicated his time 18  
to such organizations as St. John's Lutheran Church, the Ohio Judicial 19  
Conference, the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission, and the 20  
National Council of State Legislatures. The recipient of numerous 21  
awards, he was admired by his fellow citizens, friends, and family 22  
alike for his positive philosophy of life, and he has left a stalwart 23  
legacy to our state that will surely live on; and 24

WHEREAS, Without question, Chuck Kurfess made the world much 25  
fuller, and he was especially devoted to the individuals who had a 26  
treasured relationship with him, including his wife, Helyn, his 27  
children, Todd, Ann, and Laura, and his many grandchildren and great- 28  
grandchildren. All those who cherished him can find strength and 29  
solace in the happy moments shared with this great man. Most 30  
assuredly, the State of Ohio has benefited exponentially from his 31  
life's work, and he will be remembered for his visionary example of 32  
citizenship; therefore be it 33

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th General 34  
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, offer our heartfelt 35  
condolences to the family and friends of Charles Frederick Kurfess and 36  
express a profound sense of loss and sincere regret on the sorrowful 37  
occasion of his death; and be it further 38

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 39  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Charles 40  
Frederick Kurfess. 41