

As Introduced

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S. R. No. 353

Senator Schaffer

A RESOLUTION

In memory of Jerry Wray.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly of Ohio were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Jerry Wray and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Wray left an indelible impression on the people whose lives he touched, and he will be remembered as a spirited individual who contributed immeasurably to the world around him. A devoted public servant, he served as the Licking County Engineer before being appointed director of the Ohio Department of Transportation, first from 1991 to 1999 and then again from 2011 to 2019, and in his sixteen-year tenure with the agency, he implemented a number of positive changes that helped adapt ODOT to better meet the needs of the modern era. In addition, he established the Transportation Review Advisory Council and was honored with the renaming of the ODOT Central Office in his name, and he will be remembered for his generosity, talents, and seemingly inexhaustible energy; and

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

WHEREAS, In his various roles, Jerry Wray always used his talents to the benefit of those around him, and the warmth and understanding he readily extended to those around him, including his wife, Eva, will stand as a testament to his personal character. Although the void his death has created can never be filled, the legacy of care and commitment he established will surely live on. The world is a richer

place for his having been in it, and he will be truly missed; 28
therefore be it 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th General 30
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, express a profound 31
sense of loss and sincere regret at the death of Jerry Wray and, in so 32
doing, pay tribute to the memory of a truly unique individual; and be 33
it further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 35
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Jerry Wray. 36