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A R E S O L U T I O N

In memory of Louis Stokes.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Louis Stokes and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Louis Stokes 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 distinguished public servant and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he became the first African American from Ohio to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1968, and during his thirty-year tenure, he served in several capacities, including as chairman of the Select Committee on Assassinations and Ethics Committee and as a member of the Appropriations Committee. In addition, he was the senior counsel retired from Squire, Sanders, and Dempsey, and various buildings have been named for him; and

WHEREAS, Louis Stokes' regard for improving the quality of life in our society was clearly evident in his personal sacrifices of time and effort to his 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, A loving husband to his wife, Jay, a devoted father to his four children, Shelley, Angela, Louis, and Lori, and the proud grandfather of seven grandchildren, Louis Stokes always used his talents to the benefit of others, and the laurels of his life stand as a tribute not only to him but also to those he left behind. 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 sorely missed; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, express a profound sense of loss and sincere regret at the death of Louis Stokes and, in so doing, honor the memory of a truly unique individual; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Louis Stokes.