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TWENTY-FIRST DAY

Hall of the House of Representatives, Columbus, Ohio
Wednesday, February 26, 2003 at 1:30 o'clock p.m.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Bruce Moxley of the Dominion Christian Center in Dayton, Ohio, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The following guests of the House of Representatives were recognized by Speaker Householder prior to the commencement of business:

The Ohio State Buckeye football team received H. R. No. 18, presented by Representative G. Smith-24th district.

Jim Tressel received H. R. No. 33, presented by Speaker Householder-91st district.

Andy Topetzes and Robin Fite, guests of Representative Flowers-19th district.

Jan Pershing and the Lucas County Educational Center, guests of Representative Olman-46th district.

Jeff Riddle, a guest of Representative Manning-57th district.

Fourth grade students of Versailles Elementary School, guests of Representative Faber-77th district.

Jason Wilson, son of Representative Wilson-96th district.

Lisa Duvall, a guest of Representative Wilson-96th district.

Michelle Gilb, wife of Representative Gilb-76th district.

Angelique Birchmore and members of Seniors Teaching and Reaching Students, guests of Representative Price-26th district.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced:

H. B. No. 88-Representatives Book, Willamowski, Boccieri, Wilson, Ujvagi, Seaver, Reidelbach, Seitz.

To permit any school district that closed its schools for at least three days during the period from February 17 to February 28, 2003, to not count any days the schools were closed during that period toward the number of permitted "calamity" days in fiscal year 2003 if the reason for closing schools was hazardous weather conditions and associated conditions and to declare an emergency.

H. B. No. 89-Representatives McGregor, Webster, Allen, DeBose.

To amend section 3781.103 of the Revised Code to require the Board of Building Standards to adopt rules for apartment buildings relative to security features for exterior doors, windows, and sliding glass doors.

H. B. No. 90-Representatives Kearns, McGregor, Olman, Fessler, Hagan, Reidelbach, Jolivette, Woodard, J. Stewart, Webster, Flowers, Taylor, Seitz, Clancy, Setzer, Oelslager, Hollister, Collier, Williams, Grendell.

To amend sections 511.27, 1545.21, 1901.07, 3501.01, 3501.02, 3501.17, 3503.16, 3505.01, 3505.32, 3509.01, 3509.03, 3509.05, 3511.02, 3511.04, 3511.11, 3513.01, 3513.05, 3513.12, 3513.121, 3513.151, 3513.262, 3513.30, 3517.10, 3517.106, 3517.11, and 5705.23 of the Revised Code to change the day of the primary election to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May in each year and to change the date after which certain General Assembly candidates must file their campaign finance statements by electronic means of transmission from March 1, 2004, to May 1, 2004.

H. B. No. 91-Representative Young.

To amend sections 2305.24, 2305.25, 4121.121, 4123.01, 4123.31, 4123.342, and 4123.80 and to enact sections 4121.021 and 4123.15 of the Revised Code to make appropriations for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005, to authorize and provide conditions that govern the operation of Bureau and Industrial Commission programs, and to authorize an exemption from participation in the workers' compensation insurance program for certain employers and employees based upon religious tenets or beliefs.

H. B. No. 92-Representative Young.

To make appropriations for the Industrial Commission for the biennium beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of Commission programs.

H. B. No. 93-Representatives Beatty, Chandler, Miller, Carano, Key, Otterman, Allen, Sykes, Koziura, Ujvagi, Brown, S. Patton, S. Smith, DeBose, Strahorn, Cirelli, Harwood, Redfern, Book.

To amend section 2935.031 of the Revised Code relative to peace officer motor vehicle pursuit policies.

Said bills were considered the first time.

**REPORTS OF STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES AND BILLS
FOR SECOND CONSIDERATION**

Representative Wilson reported for the Rules and Reference Committee recommending that the following House Concurrent Resolutions be introduced and referred to the following committees for consideration:

H. C. R. No. 6-Representatives Reidelbach, Raga, Fessler, Gilb, Flowers, Hoops, Niehaus, Wolpert, Seaver, Williams, Young, McGregor, Brinkman, Schmidt, Boccieri, Grendell, Driehaus, Callender, Willamowski, C. Evans, Cates, T. Patton, Aslanides, Jerse, Clancy, Hagan, Hughes, Collier, Oelslager, Gibbs, Schlichter.

To memorialize Congress to enact the Human Cloning Prohibition Act of 2003.

To the committee on Health.

Add the name: " Schlichter ."

H. C. R. No. 7-Representatives Young, Fessler, Seitz, Gilb, Flowers, Schaffer, Reidelbach, Reinhard, Aslanides, Setzer, Brinkman, Gibbs, DeWine, Trakas, Schmidt, Olman, Buehrer, Willamowski, Seaver, Calvert, Webster, Faber.

**TO MEMORIALIZE THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO
SUPPORT AND VOTE TO ENACT THE PRESIDENT'S 2003 ECONOMIC
GROWTH AND TAX RELIEF PLAN**

To the committee on Economic Development and Technology.

Add the names: " Cates, Peterson, Hughes, Schlichter ."

H. C. R. No. 8-Representatives S. Patton, McGregor, Hartnett, Sferra, Otterman, Perry, Seitz, Skindell, Jerse, Fessler, Cirelli, Callender, Miller, DeBose, Flowers, Barrett, Allen, Chandler, Key, Schaffer, Latta, Willamowski, Wolpert, S. Smith, Ujvagi, Calvert, Yates, Brinkman, Schlichter, Reidelbach, Setzer, Kearns, Beatty, Brown, Sykes, Redfern, Strahorn, Woodard, Koziura, Carano, Mason, Driehaus, Price, Trakas, Schneider.

**TO RECOGNIZE THE SERVICE OF THE BLACK BRIGADE IN THE
DEFENSE OF CINCINNATI IN 1862**

To the committee on State Government.

Add the names: " Clancy, Buehrer, Hughes ."

H. C. R. No. 9-Representatives Young, Gilb, Williams, Wagner, Fessler, Hagan, Brinkman, Clancy, Collier, Seaver, Schaffer, Reidelbach, McGregor, Schneider, Willamowski, Buehrer, Faber, Seitz.

**TO MEMORIALIZE THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO
ENACT LEGISLATION TO ELIMINATE FEDERAL REGULATIONS
REQUIRING PROGRAMS FUNDED UNDER TITLE X OF THE PUBLIC**

**HEALTH SERVICES ACT TO OFFER ABORTION-RELATED
COUNSELING AND REFERRALS**

To the committee on Health.

Add the names: " Cates, Calvert, Flowers ."

LARRY HOUSEHOLDER,
Chair.

Representative Cates moved that the Rules and Reference committee report on resolutions be agreed to and that the resolutions contained therein be introduced and referred as recommended.

The motion was agreed to.

Said Resolutions were introduced and referred as recommended.

Representative Wilson reported for the Rules and Reference Committee recommending that the following House Bills, Senate Joint Resolutions, and Senate Bill be considered for the second time and referred to the following committees for consideration:

H. B. No. 59-Representatives Kearns, Willamowski, Husted, D. Evans, Latta, Redfern, Ujvagi, Hartnett, J. Stewart, Schaffer, Carano, Seaver, Young, Harwood, Seitz.

To enact section 5533.69 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of state route number four within Clark County as the "Heritage Parkway."

To the committee on Transportation and Public Safety.

H. B. No. 60-Representatives Kearns, Koziura, Price.

To amend sections 3704.14 and 3704.99 and to enact section 3704.20 of the Revised Code to require anyone who sells or offers for sale a used motor vehicle to a person who resides in a county that is subject to the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program to first have the vehicle inspected by an inspection contractor, to require the seller to have necessary repairs performed in order for the vehicle to pass the inspection and to provide the inspection certificate obtained for the vehicle to the purchaser of the vehicle, and to provide for a refund to the purchaser if the seller fails to have the vehicle inspected and provide the inspection certificate.

To the committee on Energy and Environment.

H. B. No. 61-Representatives Kearns, Hagan, Widener.

To amend section 3734.35 of the Revised Code to apply to private sanitary landfills certain arbitration procedures related to the siting or modification of landfills, and to change the definition of "affected community" in the law related to those arbitration procedures.

To the committee on Energy and Environment.

H. B. No. 62-Representative Blasdel.

To amend section 315.18 of the Revised Code to replace the mandatory duty of a county engineer to survey lands sold for taxes with discretionary authority to do so.

To the committee on County and Township Government.

H. B. No. 63-Representatives Olman, Latta, Driehaus, Husted, Fessler, Miller, Collier, Schmidt, Hartnett, Allen, Grendell, Hollister, Ujvagi, DeBose, Wagner, Buehrer.

To amend section 145.38 of the Revised Code to eliminate an exception to the law that keeps certain officials from receiving a Public Employees Retirement System pension while serving in an elective office.

To the committee on Banking, Pensions, and Securities.

H. B. No. 64-Representatives Faber, McGregor, Seitz, J. Stewart, Allen, Redfern, Wagner.

To amend section 4729.51 of the Revised Code to allow the sale of oxygen to an individual who holds a valid certificate from a nationally recognized S.C.U.B.A. diving school.

To the committee on Commerce and Labor.

H. B. No. 65-Representatives Faber, Gibbs, Hagan, Cates, DeBose, McGregor, Fessler, Willamowski, Seaver, J. Stewart, Calvert, Flowers, Schaffer.

To amend section 3313.602 of the Revised Code to require school district boards of education to set aside a period of time each day for the oral recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

To the committee on Education.

H. B. No. 66-Representatives Faber, Gibbs, J. Stewart, Calvert, Allen, Schaffer.

To amend section 505.602 of the Revised Code to permit a township to obtain individual life insurance coverage for township officers and full-time employees.

To the committee on County and Township Government.

H. B. No. 67-Representatives Faber, Seitz, Schmidt.

To amend section 513.17 of the Revised Code to remove the limit on the amount of a secured line of credit for which the directors of a joint township

hospital district board may contract.

To the committee on Health.

H. B. No. 68-Representatives Faber, McGregor, Hagan, Cates, Seitz, Hoops, Fessler, Seaver, J. Stewart, Schmidt, Brinkman, Calvert, Callender, Latta, Driehaus, Willamowski, Young, Wagner, Aslanides, Schaffer, White.

To amend section 4731.91 of the Revised Code concerning distribution of medication that will or may result in abortion or termination of life and performance of medical procedures that will or may result in termination of life.

To the committee on Health.

H. B. No. 69-Representatives Faber, Gibbs, Willamowski, Hartnett, J. Stewart, Aslanides, Schaffer.

To amend section 145.01 and to enact section 145.016 of the Revised Code to include certain county and independent agricultural society employees in the Public Employees Retirement System.

To the committee on Banking, Pensions, and Securities.

H. B. No. 70-Representatives Willamowski, Hughes, Seitz, Distel, Jolivette, Young, Faber, Carano, Fessler, Seaver, Hollister, McGregor, Strahorn, Olman, Grendell, Boccieri, Latta, Harwood, Ujvagi, Webster.

To enact section 5533.241 of the Revised Code to designate Interstate Route 75 as the "Pearl Harbor Memorial Highway" and to require the Director of Transportation, when possible, to erect markers along the highway.

To the committee on Transportation and Public Safety.

H. B. No. 71-Representatives Peterson, Hughes, Wolpert, Kearns, Carano, G. Smith, Allen, Aslanides, DeBose.

To amend sections 4731.65, 4731.67, 4731.68, and 4731.70 of the Revised Code to prohibit a physician or podiatrist from making certain referrals for inpatient hospital services and to make other revisions to the law prohibiting certain referrals for designated health services.

To the committee on Health.

H. B. No. 72-Representatives Oelslager, C. Evans, Hartnett, Hollister, Miller, Olman, Seitz, Ujvagi.

To amend sections 1337.11 and 1337.14 and to enact sections 2135.01 to 2135.14 of the Revised Code to permit the execution of a Declaration for Mental Health Treatment.

To the committee on Civil and Commercial Law.

H. B. No. 73-Representatives Carano, Hartnett, Hoops, Young, Cirelli, Hollister, J. Stewart, McGregor, Boccieri, Grendell, Callender, Ujvagi, Allen, Seitz, Sferra, Kearns, Perry.

To amend sections 2744.02 and 4511.76 of the Revised Code to provide a full defense to liability under the motor vehicle exception to qualified sovereign immunity for a public school in cases involving negligent operation of a privately-owned motor vehicle that is not a school bus and to prohibit the Department of Education from regulating the use of certain privately-owned motor vehicles for student transportation, and to amend the version of section 4511.76 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2004, to continue the provisions of this act on and after that effective date.

To the committee on Civil and Commercial Law.

H. B. No. 74-Representative DeWine.

To amend sections 3319.22, 3319.23, and 3319.26 and to enact sections 3319.228 and 3319.261 of the Revised Code to limit the provision requiring a delayed effective date for educator licensing rules to only those rules that require curriculum changes in teacher preparation programs and for amendment or rescission of such rules, to clarify that an Alternative Educator License be issued to an applicant upon the request of specified school officials, to prescribe the timing of the subject area provisional licensing examination required for individuals employed as intervention specialists under Alternative Educator Licenses, and to provide a qualified immunity for teacher performance assessors, trainers, and coordinators and for teacher performance assessment entities in civil actions concerning the conduct of teacher performance assessments of candidates for Professional Educator Licenses.

To the committee on Education.

H. B. No. 75-Representatives Buehrer, Olman, T. Patton, Gilb, Wagner, Webster, Kearns, Husted, Flowers, Cates, Hoops, McGregor, Calvert, Aslanides, Jerse, Carano, DeBose, Allen, Distel, DePiero, Young, Faber, Gibbs, Oelslager, Carmichael, Schmidt, Perry, Strahorn, J. Stewart, C. Evans, D. Evans, Boccieri, Latta, Driehaus, Grendell, Clancy, Brown, Schaffer.

To amend section 3313.616 of the Revised Code to grant high school diplomas to veterans of the Korean Conflict and to expand eligibility for diplomas to certain non-resident veterans who attended Ohio high schools.

To the committee on Education.

H. B. No. 76-Representatives Widowfield, Williams, Jolivette, McGregor, Gilb, C. Evans, Schaffer, Miller, Allen, Otterman, Strahorn, Ujvagi.

To enact section 3701.62 of the Revised Code to establish the Shaken Baby Syndrome Education and Prevention Program.

To the committee on Health.

H. B. No. 77-Representative DeWine.

To amend sections 9.41, 124.01, 124.11, 124.271, 124.34, 124.38, 124.40, 124.57, 124.60, 124.64, 135.22, 149.43, 2151.011, 3311.10, 3311.19, 3311.52, 3311.72, 3313.208, 3313.209, 3313.48, 3313.53, 3313.533, 3313.62, 3313.641, 3313.646, 3313.68, 3313.713, 3313.975, 3315.17, 3316.07, 3317.01, 3317.02, 3317.023, 3317.029, 3317.0212, 3317.03, 3317.16, 3319.02, 3319.03, 3319.07, 3319.071, 3319.081, 3319.082, 3319.083, 3319.088, 3319.12, 3319.181, 3319.36, 3327.01, 3327.011, 3329.06, 3329.08, and 5705.41; to enact new sections 3313.481 and 3317.11 and sections 3313.681, 3323.013, and 4511.765; and to repeal sections 124.011, 124.54, 3301.078, 3301.0719, 3301.0724, 3313.174, 3313.481, 3313.482, 3313.82, 3313.83, 3313.94, 3317.11, and 3319.06 of the Revised Code to require that schools under the control of school district boards of education be open for instruction for a specified number of hours each school year, to eliminate certain spending requirements for Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid moneys paid to school districts, to change the method of payment of special education weights for handicapped students attending joint vocational school districts, to eliminate the requirement that city school districts be subject to the state Civil Service Law, and to make other changes in the administration of the public school system.

To the committee on Education.

H. B. No. 78-Representative Skindell.

To amend section 2117.06 of the Revised Code to require the state or any political subdivision of the state to present all claims against an estate within one year after the death of the decedent.

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. B. No. 79-Representatives Seaver, Aslanides, Boccieri, Book, Driehaus, Faber, Flowers, Grendell, Wagner, Wilson, Young.

To amend section 101.27 of the Revised Code to eliminate the cost of living adjustments scheduled to be made in calendar years 2005 through 2008 to the compensation of members and officers of the General Assembly.

To the committee on State Government.

H. B. No. 80-Representatives Core, Gibbs, Hollister, Hagan, McGregor, Fessler, Calvert, Setzer, Schaffer, Allen, S. Smith.

To enact sections 2925.031, 2925.042, 2925.071, and 2925.111 of the

Revised Code to prohibit the possession, sale, transportation, and cultivation of spores or mycelium capable of producing mushrooms that contain psilocin or psilocybin.

To the committee on Criminal Justice.

H. B. No. 81-Representative Core.

To amend section 1724.10 of the Revised Code to specify that a community improvement corporation designated as the agency of a political subdivision may be authorized to take certain other actions on behalf of the political subdivision and retains certain statutory powers to do all things necessary or convenient to carry out its organizational purposes.

To the committee on State Government.

H. B. No. 82-Representatives DePiero, Bocchieri, Price, Kearns, Carano, Hughes, Harwood, Distel, Setzer, Cirelli, Wolpert, Hollister, Miller, Young, Barrett, Oelslager, Seaver, Perry, Strahorn, S. Smith, C. Evans, Grendell, Willamowski, Allen, Seitz, Sferra, D. Evans, DeBose, Brown, Skindell.

To amend section 2313.16 of the Revised Code to permit a person who is 70 years of age or older to be excused from jury duty.

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. B. No. 83-Representatives DePiero, Redfern, Bocchieri, Willamowski, Carano, Flowers, Harwood, Hollister, Young, Seaver, Ujvagi, Allen, Sferra, Jerse, Book, Brown, Schaffer.

To amend sections 2903.06, 2903.08, and 4507.16 of the Revised Code to modify the offenses of aggravated vehicular homicide and aggravated vehicular assault and to amend the version of sections 2903.06 and 2903.08 of the Revised Code that are scheduled to take effect January 1, 2004, to continue the provisions of this act on and after that effective date.

To the committee on Criminal Justice.

H. B. No. 84-Representative DePiero.

To amend sections 2945.38, 2945.40, 2950.13, 5122.011, 5122.05, 5122.15, and 5122.38 and to enact sections 5122.50, 5122.51, 5122.52, 5122.53, 5122.54, 5122.55, 5122.56, and 5122.57 of the Revised Code to authorize the civil commitment of certain sexually aberrant persons.

To the committee on Civil and Commercial Law.

H. B. No. 85-Representatives Raussen, Raga, Wagner, McGregor, Kearns, Husted, Ujvagi, Allen, Schneider.

To amend sections 307.051, 307.055, 505.37, 505.375, 505.72, 4503.49,

4513.263, 4766.01, 4766.02, 4766.03, 4766.04, 4766.05, 4766.06, 4766.07, 4766.08, 4766.09, 4766.10, 4766.11, 4766.12, 4766.13, and 5503.12 and to enact sections 4766.15, 4766.17, and 4766.20 of the Revised Code to authorize the Ohio Ambulance Licensing Board to license commercial medical service organizations that operate ambulette vehicles for the transportation of persons who require the use of a wheelchair and air medical service organizations that operate air medical transportation, to add four members to the Board, to rename the Board the Ohio Medical Transportation Board, and to amend the version of section 4513.263 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2004, to continue the provisions of this act on and after that effective date.

To the committee on Transportation and Public Safety.

H. B. No. 86-Representative Hoops.

To amend sections 2151.07, 2301.02, and 2301.03 of the Revised Code to add one additional judge to the Henry County Court of Common Pleas to be elected in 2004 as judge of the Domestic Relations Division.

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. B. No. 87-Representative Buehrer.

To amend sections 4501.10, 4503.042, 4503.10, 4503.173, 4503.50, 4503.51, 4503.55, 4503.561, 4503.591, 4503.67, 4503.68, 4503.69, 4503.71, 4503.711, 4503.72, 4503.73, 4503.75, 4505.09, 4506.08, 4507.23, 4511.04, 4513.52, 4513.53, 5501.20, 5501.34, 5501.45, 5502.02, 5517.011, 5525.20, 5531.10, 5735.29, and 5735.291, to enact sections 4501.21, 5502.39, and 5543.22, and to repeal sections 4501.20, 4501.22, 4501.29, 4501.30, 4501.311, 4501.32, 4501.33, 4501.39, 4501.40, 4501.41, 4501.61, 4501.71, and 4503.251 of the Revised Code to make appropriations for programs related to transportation and public safety for the biennium beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005, to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of those programs, and to amend the version of section 4503.10 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2004.

To the committee on Finance and Appropriations.

S. B. No. 12-Senators Randy Gardner, Robert Gardner, Harris, Mumper, Prentiss, Amstutz, Schuring, Stivers.

To amend section 3314.02 of the Revised Code to remove the prohibition on establishing a conversion community school as an Internet- or computer-based community school.

To the committee on Education.

Am. S. J. R. No. 1-Senators Austria, Carnes, Amstutz, Harris, Jacobson, Mumper, Dann, Goodman, Stivers, Prentiss.

Proposing to enact Section 2p of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio relating to science and technology based research and development purposes, including authorizing the issuance of general obligations of the state to pay costs related to those purposes.

To the committee on Economic Development and Technology.

S. J. R. No. 3-Senator Robert Gardner.

To approve the amendment of rule 3301-35-10 of the Administrative Code, regarding site-based management councils, approved by the State Board of Education at its meeting on January 14, 2003.

To the committee on Education.

S. J. R. No. 4-Senators Robert Gardner, Schuler.

To approve the amendment of rule 3301-101-01 of the Administrative Code, regarding deregulation of school districts, approved by the State Board of Education at its meeting on January 14, 2003.

To the committee on Education.

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| STEPHEN BUEHRER | CHRIS REDFERN |
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| LARRY L. FLOWERS | ROBERT J. OTTERMAN |
| JIM HUGHES | CHARLES A. WILSON |
| JON M. PETERSON | |

Representative Cates moved that the House and constitutional rules requiring bills to be considered by each house on three different days be suspended as to the second consideration of all House Bills, Senate Bill, and Senate Joint Resolutions contained in the report of the committee on Rules and Reference.

The motion was agreed to without objection.

The report was agreed to.

Said House Bills, Senate Bill, and Senate Joint Resolutions were considered a second time and referred as recommended.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Representative Wilson reported for the Rules and Reference Committee recommending that the following House Resolution be read and approved:

H. R. No. 32-Representatives Peterson, Buehrer, Hughes.

IN MEMORY OF BRIAN A. FREEMAN

Add the name: "Flowers."

LARRY HOUSEHOLDER,
Chair.

Representative Cates moved that rules and reference committee report on resolutions be agreed to and that the resolution contained therein be approved.

H. R. No. 31-Speaker Householder.

IN MEMORY OF RAY LUTHER

LARRY HOUSEHOLDER,
Chair.

Representative Cates moved that the Rules and Reference Committee Report on resolutions be agreed to and the resolution contained therein be brought up for immediate adoption, read in full, and spread upon the pages of the journal.

The motion was agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, reading as follows:

H. R. No. 31 -Speaker Householder.

In Memory of Ray Luther.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 125th General Assembly of Ohio were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Ray Luther and wish to extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Ray Luther 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 former news director for WCLT Radio and a member of the Ohio House of Representatives for eight years, Ray Luther was a dedicated and devoted public servant whose exemplary career will stand as a hallmark worthy of emulation; and

WHEREAS, Ray Luther'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 as a lawyer, county prosecutor, journalist,

legislator, and member of the community, Ray Luther 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 which his death has created can never be filled, the legacy of care and commitment which he established will surely live on. The world is a richer place for his having been in it, and he will be truly missed; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 125th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, express a profound sense of loss and sincere regret at the death of Ray Luther and, in so doing, pay tribute to the memory of a truly unique individual; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a duly authenticated copy of the Resolution to the family of Ray Luther.

The resolution was adopted.

Representative Trakas moved that majority party members asking leave to be absent or absent the week of Tuesday, February 25, 2003, be excused, so long as a written request is on file in the majority leadership offices.

The motion was agreed to.

Representative Miller moved that minority party members asking leave to be absent or absent the week of Tuesday, February 25, 2003, be excused, so long as a written request is on file in the minority leadership offices.

The motion was agreed to.

MESSAGE FROM THE SPEAKER

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, on February 25, 2003, signed the following:

H. J. R. No. 3-Speaker Householder, et al.

MESSAGE FROM THE SPEAKER

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, on February 26, 2003, signed the following:

Am. Sub. H. B. No. 40-Representative Calvert (By Request), et al.

On motion of Representative Cates, the House adjourned until Thursday, February 27, 2003 at 11:00 o'clock a.m.

Attest:

LAURA P. CLEMENS,
Clerk.