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Senators Hughes, Miller, R.

RESOLUTION

In memory of Franklin B. Walter.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 128th General Assembly of Ohio were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Franklin B. Walter and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Walter 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 career educator, he served in such roles as a teacher in Springfield and as superintendent of the New Lebanon Local and Westlake City school districts before joining the Ohio Department of Education as an assistant superintendent in 1968, and he held the post of state superintendent from 1977 until his retirement in 1991. He later taught at The Ohio State University, becoming director of the College of Education's National Academy for Superintendents in 1994, and worked as the corporate vice president of public finance for A.G. Edwards and Sons, Inc., and he and his wife created the Franklin B. and Jane Walter Scholarship at OSU for graduate students studying school administration; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Walter's 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, the late Jane, and a devoted father to his two sons, Franklin Walter 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 128th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, express a profound sense of loss and sincere regret at the death of Franklin B. Walter and, in so doing, pay tribute to 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 Franklin B. Walter.