

SPEAKER BATCHELDER

*Honoring Laura Clemens for her outstanding service
as clerk of the Ohio House of Representatives.*

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 129th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to bid farewell and extend best wishes to Laura Clemens on the occasion of her departure from the House Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, In the twenty-six years since she graduated from Kenyon College, Laura Clemens has proceeded from the positions of legislative intern for the Legislative Service Commission, legislative aide for the House minority leader, and deputy director for the Family and Children First Initiative under former Governor Voinovich to the position of clerk of the Ohio House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, During her seventeen-year tenure, Laura has mastered all of the duties of the House Clerk's Office and has acquired a reputation for effective staffing from not only the prodigious amount of first class work but also from her adaptability and enthusiasm, her abundant good sense and keen perception of reality, her constant attention to the needs of the members of the House of Representatives, and her superb organizational talents, without which the enactment and codification of hundreds of laws could not have been accomplished; and

WHEREAS, During her years with the House Clerk's Office, Laura Clemens has accepted without complaint whatever assignments were given to her, has gone out of her way to be attentive to the needs of her co-workers, and has shared her warm humor, infectious laugh, and good natured disposition with everyone who has sought her friendship or assistance; and

WHEREAS, The ability of Laura Clemens to effectively manage a multitude of tasks during House floor sessions and her ability to perform competently as chief parliamentarian and master of all motions, both simple and complex, has enabled her to ably serve five speakers of the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Awareness of Laura Clemens' congeniality, as well as her work ethic, has not been confined to the Ohio House of Representatives and the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries, where she served as president in 2006 to 2007, and we can no longer keep her talents to ourselves; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 129th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, hereby express our sense of loss at the departure of Laura Clemens from our ranks and extend to her our very best wishes in her new career with the Ohio Casino Control Commission; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we hope Laura Clemens will visit us occasionally when she has the opportunity, for we do not want to lose a friend like her; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Laura Clemens.