

Senator Balderson

RESOLUTION

In memory of Bernard Wayne Gibson.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 130th General Assembly of Ohio were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Bernard Wayne Gibson and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Bernie Gibson 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 farrier, he was elected sheriff of Muskingum County in 1976, serving in that post for twenty years, and he was also an instructor for the Muskingum Area Technical College-Police Academy Criminal Justice Program. In addition, he was director of the Southeastern Ohio Buckeye State Sheriffs Association, president of the Children's Services Board, and the Southeastern Ohio representative to the U.S. Attorney General's Office, and he was active with such organizations as National Sheriffs, International Chiefs of Police, and Township Trustees and Clerks associations, the Governor's Council on Juvenile Justice, the National FBI Academy Associates, and the Muskingum Area Technical College Law Enforcement Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Bernie Gibson'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, Sandra, a devoted father to his five children, Kimberly, Lynda, James, Dustin, and Jarred, and the proud grandfather of seven grandchildren, Jason, Ross, Ed, Aubrey, Alexis, Silas, and Braedan, and four great-grandchildren, Carsen, Laynie, Drew, and Avery, Bernie Gibson 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 130th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, express a profound sense of loss and sincere regret at the death of Bernard Wayne Gibson 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 Bernard Wayne Gibson.

I, Vincent L. Keeran, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution No. 193, adopted by the Ohio Senate, September 17, 2013.

Vincent L. Keeran
Clerk of the Senate

Senator Keith Faber

President of the Senate

Senator Troy Balderson
Senatorial District No. 20