

REPRESENTATIVES BLESSING - COLEY - COMBS - DRIEHAUS - MAAG - MALLORY - MECKLENBORG
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In memory of Erich Kunzel.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 128th General Assembly of Ohio extend heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Erich Kunzel in their time of bereavement; and

WHEREAS, Erich Kunzel's zealous love of life and his selfless concern for the welfare of others distinguished him as an outstanding human being and as a leading citizen. Honored as founder and conductor emeritus of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra to acknowledge his forty-four years of artistic leadership, he commenced his career as an associate conductor of CSO in 1965 and became the first conductor of the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra in 1977, where he recorded over eighty-five albums. The honorary artistic director for the 2012 World Choir Games and the chair of the Greater Cincinnati Arts and Education Center, he was active in the creation of the School for Creative and Performing Arts, and his generosity, talents, and seemingly inexhaustible energy are a pleasure to recall; and

WHEREAS, A man of exceptional concern and insight, Erich Kunzel toured nationally and internationally, including a 2005 tour to China with the Cincinnati Pops, the first appearance of a pops orchestra in that country, and conducted the first pops concert in China in 1998 with the China National Symphony Orchestra. His untiring efforts earned him many richly deserved accolades, including the 2006 National Medal of Arts, the 1991 Governor's Award for the Arts in Ohio, the Grand Prix Du Disque, and the Sony Tiffany Walkman Award. A 2008 inductee of the American Classical Music Hall of Fame and Billboard Magazine's Classical Crossover Artist of the Year for four consecutive years, he was a truly remarkable individual; and

WHEREAS, Erich Kunzel demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the community, a legacy that will remain forever in the hearts and minds of all who knew him. The warmth and understanding that he so readily extended to others will stand as a testament to his personal character, and he will be remembered fondly by all those who knew and loved him, including his wife, Brundhilde; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 128th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, extend our sympathies to all who mourn Erich Kunzel; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Erich Kunzel.