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Speaker Householder

**Cosponsors: Representatives Butler, Sykes, Boggs, Callender, DeVitis,
Edwards, Hicks-Hudson, Lanese, Seitz, Smith, K.**

A RESOLUTION

In memory of Jim Siegel.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 133rd General Assembly of Ohio wish to extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Jim Siegel in their time of bereavement; and

WHEREAS, Jim Siegel'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. Commencing his career in journalism with the *Salem News*, he worked for the *Mansfield News Journal*, the Gannett Newspapers Statehouse Bureau, and the *Cincinnati Enquirer* before joining the *Columbus Dispatch* in 2005, and during his tenure as a Statehouse reporter, he proved himself to be a dedicated and devoted individual who cared deeply for Ohio's legislative process. His untiring efforts earned him many richly deserved accolades, including the Best in Ohio Award in the staff reporter category at the 2012 Ohio Excellence in Journalism contest, honorable mention in the best news writer category at the 2009 Associated Press of Ohio Competition, and second place in the politics/government writing category at the 2012 Ohio Excellence in Journalism contest, and his exemplary career will serve as an inspiration for others; and

WHEREAS, In his numerous roles as a past president of the Ohio Legislative Correspondents Association, a volunteer with the Gahanna Special Olympics, and an announcer for lacrosse and football games at Gahanna Lincoln High School, Jim Siegel strove to excel. Clearly, he flourished in the circle of his family,

including his wife, Stacy, and his two sons, Benjamin and Vincent, 26
and the laurels of his life stand as a tribute not only to him but 27
also to those he left behind; and 28

WHEREAS, Jim Siegel's outstanding legacy and numerous 29
contributions to the State of Ohio will certainly live beyond him, 30
and he will long be remembered for his kindness and his unwavering 31
commitment to service. Though the void which his death has created 32
can never be filled, the warmth and understanding which he so 33
readily extended to others will stand as a testament to his 34
personal character, and he will long be remembered for having 35
given so much to so many; therefore be it 36

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 37
Representatives of the 133rd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 38
this Resolution, pay tribute to the memory of a truly honorable 39
man, Jim Siegel; and be it further 40

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 41
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the 42
family of Jim Siegel. 43