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In memory of the Honorable Frederick H. Deering.

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 were deeply saddened to learn of the death of the Honorable Fred H. Deering and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Fred Deering 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. Among his endeavors, he established Deering Farms and 7 Limers, Inc., and served twenty years as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives, where he was instrumental in the passage of eighty bills and amendments that became state law, including several agriculture and pesticide laws, and he was also a member of the Perkins School Board for nine years, a vocational agriculture instructor, a farmer, and a commissioner for Erie MetroParks for thirteen years. In addition, he was involved with such noteworthy organizations as the Ohio Farmers Union, the Men's Garden Club of Erie County, the Erie County Democratic Party, Habitat for Humanity, Friends of Erie MetroParks, and St. John's United Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Fred Deering'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 devoted huband, a loving father to his four children, Daryl, Diane, Steve, and Brian, and four stepchildren, John, Trisha, Ron, and the late Cindy, and the proud grandfather of numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Fred Deering 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 him having been in it, and he will be sorely missed; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 128th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, express a profound sense of loss and sincere regret at the death of the Honorable Fred H. Deering and, in so doing, pay tribute to the memory of a truly unique individual; 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 the Honorable Fred H. Deering.