

REPRESENTATIVES O'BRIEN - LETSON

*Honoring Dave Grohl
for his outstanding accomplishments in the music industry.*

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 129th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to Dave Grohl on winning five GRAMMY Awards at the 54th annual GRAMMY Awards, February 12, 2012; and

WHEREAS, A creative and talented individual, Dave Grohl has proven that through hard work, dedication, and commitment, one can achieve any goal. Born in Warren, Ohio, Dave Grohl became interested in rock music at an early age, teaching himself how to play the guitar and the drums. Performing with several amateur bands early in his music career, he joined the band Scream, based in Washington, D.C., as the drummer in 1986, recording and touring with the group until its breakup in 1990. Shortly after, he joined the Seattle-based band, Nirvana, as the drummer. Following the tragic and untimely death of Nirvana's lead singer, Kurt Cobain, in 1994, Dave Grohl founded the band, Foo Fighters. For the group's self-titled debut album, he personally recorded the vocals and laid all the instrument tracks himself. Dave Grohl soon recruited other musicians to join his group, resulting in Nate Mendel on bass, William Goldsmith on drums, and Pat Smear on guitar; and

WHEREAS, As the group's musical style changed and evolved, Foo Fighters publicly suffered various lineup changes, including the replacement of William Goldsmith with Taylor Hawkins and Pat Smear with Franz Stahl in 1997 and Franz Stahl with Chris Shiflett in 1999 and the rejoining of Pat Smear in 2006. Despite its early tribulations, Foo Fighters has continued to attain worldwide success, releasing nine albums, Foo Fighters, The Colour and the Shape, There is Nothing Left to Lose, One by One, In Your Honor, Skin and Bones, Echoes, Silence, Patience & Grace, Greatest Hits, and most recently, Wasting Light, and topping the charts with such hits as "Monkey Wrench," "Everlong," "Learn to Fly," "All My Life," "Best of You," "The Pretender," "Rope," and "Walk"; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of ten previous GRAMMY Awards, Foo Fighters added five new accolades to its collection at this year's event, including Best Rock Album for Wasting Light, Best Rock Performance and Best Rock Song for "Walk," Best Hard Rock Performance for "White Limo," and Best Long Form Music Video for Foo Fighters Back & Forth. Known for their admiration of heartfelt, raw music, Dave Grohl and his bandmates recorded their newest album, Wasting Light, in a garage on analog equipment, which resulted in a collection of bare-bones recordings that have renewed the group's widespread respect. Without question, in the world of rock and roll, Dave Grohl and his fellow bandmates are in a class of their own, and considering their exceptional talent, they are likely to delight listeners for a long time to come; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 129th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend Dave Grohl on his successful career and salute him as an outstanding native Ohioan; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to Dave Grohl, Taylor Hawkins, Pat Smear, Chris Shiflett, and Nate Mendel.