

**As Adopted by the House**

**132nd General Assembly  
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**H. R. No. 79**

**Representatives Keller, Conditt, Retherford**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the Butler County Small Business Development  
Center as the National SBDC of the Year.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1  
132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to commend the Butler 2  
County Small Business Development Center on being named the 3  
National SBDC of the Year by the U.S. Small Business 4  
Administration at its 2017 National Small Business Week ceremony; 5  
and 6

WHEREAS, The Ohio Small Business Development Centers are 7  
funded through a partnership between the Ohio Development Services 8  
Agency, the U.S. Small Business Administration, local higher 9  
educational institutions, and private donations, and they have had 10  
a tremendous impact on the economic environment of Ohio by 11  
providing counseling services and advice on strategic planning, 12  
marketing, and gaining access to financial capital. During 2015, 13  
the Butler County SBDC accumulated a total of 1,109 counseling 14  
hours while helping small businesses generate more than 2.8 15  
million dollars in new sales, create 115 jobs, and retain 187 16  
jobs, and clearly, this fine facility is worthy of the 2017 17  
National SBDC of the Year Award; and 18

WHEREAS, In being selected for this noteworthy distinction, 19  
the Butler County Small Business Development Center has been 20  
recognized as one of the country's most reputable business 21  
incubators, and congratulations are certainly in order. Over the 22  
years, its management and staff have demonstrated such key 23  
qualities as tenacity, cooperation, and civic concern, which have 24  
undoubtedly led to the success of the center; and 25

WHEREAS, All those associated with the Butler County Small 26  
Business Development Center, including its director, David Riggs, 27

have shown the potential of individuals to have a positive effect 28  
on the quality of life in our society, and they have gained the 29  
esteem and appreciation of the entire community. Their dedicated 30  
efforts are the hallmark of concerned and responsible citizenship, 31  
and we applaud them on their fine work; therefore be it 32

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 33  
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 34  
this Resolution, salute the Butler County Small Business 35  
Development Center on its outstanding attainment and extend best 36  
wishes for the future; and be it further 37

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 38  
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the 39  
Butler County Small Business Development Center. 40