

REPRESENTATIVE HARRIS

*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 are pleased to pay tribute to C. Brent DeVore on his exemplary service as president of Otterbein College; and*

*WHEREAS, Brent DeVore has fulfilled a multitude of responsibilities with impressive competence throughout his distinguished career in higher education. Serving as president of Davis and Elkins College, vice president of Hiram College, and executive director of the Kent State University Foundation before becoming president of Otterbein College in 1984, he has also been active with numerous professional groups, including the Council of Independent Colleges, the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, the Ohio College Association, United Methodist Higher Education Foundation, Communities in Schools, and the Private Industry Council of Columbus and Franklin County; and*

*WHEREAS, Whether occupying center stage or playing a key role in the wings, Brent DeVore always made his dynamic presence felt. During his tenure as president, he was instrumental in developing adult continuing study and graduate programs, renovating and constructing new buildings, implementing 57 service learning courses, and increasing the amount of community service hours completed by students and staff, and he can be proud that his commitment to Otterbein College has impelled many to dedicate themselves similarly; and*

*WHEREAS, The enthusiasm and expertise Brent DeVore has shown in his endeavors have gained him the appreciation and esteem of others. In 2007, he was presented with a Call to Service Award for Lifetime Achievement by the White House in recognition of his more than thirty-seven years of service to various non-profit organizations , and we are proud to note that it is through the unsurpassed efforts of diligent people such as he that the State of Ohio continues to grow and prosper; therefore be it*

*RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 128th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, applaud C. Brent DeVore on his innumerable contributions to Otterbein College and extend best wishes for a happy, healthy retirement; and be it further*

*RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to C. Brent DeVore.*