

**As Adopted by the Senate**

**131st General Assembly  
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**S. R. No. 261**

**Senators Hughes, Bacon**

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**A RESOLUTION**

In memory of James M. Abraham.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General 1  
Assembly of Ohio extend our sincere condolences to the friends and 2  
family of James M. Abraham; and 3

WHEREAS, James Abraham left an indelible impression on the 4  
people whose lives he touched, and this spirited individual 5  
contributed immeasurably to the world around him. A native of 6  
Athens, he was a publisher of three books and a columnist for *The* 7  
*Columbus Dispatch*. Among his endeavors, he was a decorated veteran 8  
of the U.S. Army and the Ohio National Guard, from which he 9  
retired with the rank of brigadier general after forty years of 10  
service, a registered professional engineer, the owner and 11  
operator of numerous businesses, a high school teacher for the 12  
Gahanna Board of Education, the manager of the volunteer IRS 13  
program, and a member of St. Matthew the Apostle Church; and 14

WHEREAS, James Abraham's regard for improving the quality of 15  
life in our society was clearly evident in his personal sacrifices 16  
of time and effort to his family, friends, and community, and his 17  
contributions will certainly live beyond him. The warmth and 18  
understanding he so readily extended to others will stand as a 19  
testament to his personal character, and he will be remembered 20  
fondly by all those who knew and loved him, including his wife, 21  
Irene, his two children, Michele and Daniel, and his four 22  
grandchildren, Riley, Nicholas, Alexandra, and Gabrielle; and 23

WHEREAS, James Abraham's zealous love of life and his 24  
selfless concern for the welfare of others distinguished him as an 25  
outstanding human being and as a leading citizen. Giving 26  
generously of his energy and abilities in all of his endeavors, he 27  
displayed exceptional concern and insight, and although the void 28

his death has created can never be filled, the legacy of care and 29  
commitment he established will surely live on; therefore be it 30

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st 31  
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, pay tribute 32  
to the memory of a truly unique individual, James M. Abraham; and 33  
be it further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 35  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of James M. 36  
Abraham. 37