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Senators Yuko, Antonio

**Cosponsors: Senators Huffman, M., Brenner, Craig, Dolan, Gavarone, Hackett,
Hottinger, Kunze, Lang, Maharath, Martin, Schaffer, Schuring, Sykes, Thomas**

A RESOLUTION

In memory of Barbara Boyd.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 134th General Assembly 1
of Ohio were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Barbara Boyd and 2
offer our heartfelt condolences to her family and friends; and 3

WHEREAS, Barbara Boyd's tremendous compassion, remarkable insight, 4
and selfless concern for the welfare of others distinguished her as an 5
outstanding human being and a leading citizen. A former school 6
teacher, she broke barriers by becoming the first African American to 7
be elected to the Cleveland Heights City Council, and she would go on 8
to hold the office of mayor. Not satisfied to rest on her laurels, she 9
was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives in 1993 and 2006, and 10
she proved herself to be a dedicated public servant whose noteworthy 11
career serves as an inspiration for others; and 12

WHEREAS, Throughout her life, Barbara Boyd manifested those 13
virtues we all seek to emulate, and she gave back to her community 14
through her involvement with various organizations, including the Ohio 15
Department of Job and Family Services, the Children's Defense Fund, 16
Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, and the Black Women's Political 17
Action Committee of Ohio and Greater Cleveland. She led an exemplary 18
life, and it is certain that the world is a richer place for her 19
having been in it; and 20

WHEREAS, Giving of her time, energy, and abilities far beyond what 21
was required or expected, Barbara Boyd displayed exceptional civic 22
concern and insight, and her personal sacrifices to the State of Ohio, 23
her community, her friends, and her family will certainly live beyond 24

her. Though the void that her death has created can never be filled, 25
her legacy will stand as a testament to her estimable personal 26
character; therefore be it 27

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 134th General 28
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, express a profound 29
sense of loss and sincere regret at the death of Barbara Boyd and, in 30
doing so, pay tribute to the memory of a truly exceptional woman; and 31
be it further 32

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 33
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Barbara Boyd. 34