

**As Adopted by the Senate**

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**S. R. No. 739**

**Senator Obhof**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring James J. Zehringer on his retirement as the  
director of ODNR

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General 1  
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to 2  
James J. Zehringer on the memorable occasion of his retirement as 3  
the director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources; and 4

WHEREAS, Throughout his distinguished career in public 5  
service, James Zehringer has demonstrated an unwavering dedication 6  
to performing his duties and fulfilling his responsibilities with 7  
the utmost efficiency and competence. Commencing his service as a 8  
commissioner for Mercer County, he was a member of the Ohio House 9  
of Representatives from 2007 to 2011 and the director of the 10  
Ohio Department of Agriculture before being appointed the director 11  
of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in 2011. During his 12  
tenure, he was instrumental in regulating shale development, 13  
addressing water quality issues, and promoting, updating, and 14  
preserving Ohio's state parks and 15

WHEREAS, James Zehringer is, indeed, a remarkable individual, 16  
combining civic concern with selfless initiative to become a 17  
dynamic leader in the State of Ohio. Always sincere and energetic 18  
in his approach to his work, he has given generously of his time 19  
and abilities far beyond what was required or expected and has 20  
displayed a genuine commitment to improving the quality of life in 21  
our society; and 22

WHEREAS, The enthusiasm and expertise James Zehringer has 23  
shown in his endeavors have earned him the respect and esteem of 24  
many. As he retires, he has the satisfaction of knowing that he 25  
has provided a valuable service to our state and has established a 26

record of personal and professional achievement that will stand as 27  
a hallmark for others to emulate; therefore be it 28

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 29  
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 30  
congratulate James J. Zehringer on his retirement and salute him 31  
as one of Ohio's finest citizens; and be it further 32

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 33  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to James J. Zehringer. 34