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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JANUARY 31, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and achievements of John Glenn and expressing  
2 condolences on his passing.

3 WHEREAS, John Glenn passed away December 8, 2016, in  
4 Columbus, Ohio, at the age of 95; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Glenn was born July 18, 1921, in Cambridge,  
6 Ohio, and attended school in New Concord, Ohio; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Glenn earned his bachelor of science degree in  
8 engineering from Muskingum College in New Concord before joining  
9 the United States Armed Forces to fight in World War II; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1942, Mr. Glenn entered the Naval Aviation Cadet  
11 program; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1943, Mr. Glenn was commissioned in the United  
13 States Marine Corps; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Glenn flew 59 combat missions during World War

1 II and flew an additional 63 missions in the Korean War; and

2 WHEREAS, During his time in the military, Mr. Glenn  
3 accumulated more than 9,000 hours of flying time as a flight  
4 instructor and test pilot; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1959, Mr. Glenn was selected as one of seven men  
6 by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to  
7 be a Mercury astronaut; and

8 WHEREAS, The early days of the space program were met with  
9 elation and tragedy, and Mr. Glenn's 1962 mission was a source  
10 of national pride when he became the first American man to orbit  
11 the Earth; and

12 WHEREAS, As the Friendship 7 capsule circled the Earth, Mr.  
13 Glenn became the first American man to view the Earth from  
14 orbit; and

15 WHEREAS, The event captivated the nation; and

16 WHEREAS, Despite the possibility of a malfunctioning heat  
17 shield designed to protect an astronaut during reentry into the  
18 Earth's atmosphere, Mr. Glenn's capsule splashed down safely in  
19 the Atlantic Ocean; and

20 WHEREAS, After the mission, NASA and President John F.  
21 Kennedy considered Mr. Glenn to be a national hero and deemed  
22 him too valuable to reenter space; and

23 WHEREAS, In 1964, Mr. Glenn resigned from the space program,  
24 and one year later he retired from the military with numerous  
25 medals and awards, including the Distinguished Flying Cross; and

26 WHEREAS, In 1974, Mr. Glenn was elected as a United States  
27 senator for Ohio; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Glenn was reelected to the Senate four times  
29 before he retired in 1999; and

30 WHEREAS, In 1998, Mr. Glenn, then 77, once again set a record

1 when he became the oldest person to fly in space; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Glenn was a staunch supporter of NASA who spoke  
3 out against the closure of the space program in 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Glenn and his 4-hour, 55-minute journey in orbit  
5 around the Earth brightened a nation, inspired dreams and  
6 influenced generations of Americans; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
8 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania honor the life and achievements of  
9 John Glenn and extend condolences to his family, friends and  
10 admirers; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
12 the family of John Glenn.