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Since 1977, the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame has celebrated the many ways older Ohioans make their communities, our state, and our nation stronger. It honors Ohioans age 60 and older for achievements and contributions to others; the roles they play in their communities or vocations; and what they do to promote productive and enjoyable lives.

Today's inductions bring the total number of members in the hall of fame to 486. They range in age from 70 to 92 and their stories represent lifetimes of dedication, ingenuity, perseverance, kindness, and compassion.

Leading our ceremony today are Ursel J. McElroy, director of the Ohio Department of Aging, and Duana Patton, current president of the Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging and director of the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging in Ontario.

The Ohio Department of Aging would like to thank Governor Mike DeWine and his cabinet, the Ohio General Assembly, the Ohio Advisory Council for Aging, the Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging, and Ohio's aging network professionals for their service and advocacy on behalf of Ohio's older adults.

We also thank the Hamilton Chamber Singers from Hamilton Township High School for their performance of our National Anthem. The singers are: Shelby Deible, Victoria Mendenhall, Lauren Dixon, Brendi Strawser, Chance Bradley, Isaac Hill, Isaiah Guthrie, and Tyler Rice. They are under the direction of Heather Chute.





DR. DORIS BERGEN
HAMILTON

Dr. Doris Bergen's decades-long professional career has literally been child's play. As a scholar and educator, she devoted herself to studying and creating ways to strengthen brain development in young children. Her research and techniques have influenced practitioners around the world.

Dr. Bergen was born in St. Louis, Missouri, during the Great Depression and grew up in Bucyrus, Ohio. She was inspired by the playful and joyful people in her young life, who showed her that the way we play influences the way we live. Her father, George Bergen, inspired her to trust her abilities, so she became the first person in her family to go to college when few people, and even fewer women, did.

Her studies began at Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio. She later transferred to The Ohio State University, where she graduated summa cum laude. She also studied educational psychology at Michigan State University and earned her Ph.D. at age 42. She completed post-doctoral training at Pittsburg State University in Kansas.

Her early professional experiences confirmed that she had chosen a path where she could make both big and small differences. She created two preschool programs and taught preschool for 14 years.

Throughout her university career, she taught in Michigan, Massachusetts, and Kansas, before returning to Ohio in 1988. She became a professor at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, where she served as department chair for 11 years. Her research focused on play theory.

Her work led to 12 books, more than 60 articles, and dozens of national honors and fellowships. Three of her books have been translated and published in Chinese.

Many of her research papers are now housed in the Archives of Play at the Strong National Museum of Play. She is a Miami University Distinguished Scholar. She brought her expertise to the Ohio Department of Education and many other organizations. She has consulted for Fisher Price and Hasbro toys.

From 1989 to 1991, Dr. Bergen was a National Academy of Science visiting scholar to China. In 2007, Miami University named her Distinguished Professor of Educational Psychology, and in 2013, the school renamed its interdisciplinary research center the Doris Bergen Center for Human Development, Learning and Technology. Dr. Bergen had founded the center and served as its co-director.

Dr. Bergen and her husband Joel have been married for 37 years and, with her first husband, she raised three daughters. She has seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Dr. Bergen retired in 2013. She enjoys reading, walking, writing poetry, and taking painting classes. She is active in her community and is currently president of the Hopedale Unitarian Universalist Community.

Dr. Bergen is perhaps proudest of the individuals that she inspired along their professional paths. Many of her former students are accomplished teachers and school psychologists today.



MARIANNE B. CAMPBELL
GALLIPOLIS

Marianne B. Campbell has been a trailblazer throughout her life. She is an inspiration to many, even beyond her beloved Gallia County community. Through her careers in broadcasting and health care coupled with volunteer service, she has earned the respect of others as a leader and mentor.

Originally from Pittsburgh, Mrs. Campbell graduated from the Pennsylvania College of Women, presently Chatham University. A descendant of the original French 500 who founded Gallipolis in 1790, she moved to her ancestral home following graduation.

As a young woman in the field of broadcasting, Mrs. Campbell made a name for herself by breaking barriers and blazing trails. In 1950, she helped launch WJEH-AM in Gallipolis, and several other stations in the area. WJEH-AM remains on the air nearly 70 years later. Her early career in broadcasting spanned 22 years. She says she always felt respected and never discriminated against because she was a woman. In 1961, she was named in the American Business Women's Association Top Ten Women of the Year. In 1967, she was the first woman elected to the National Association of Broadcasters, and she was also hired as the director of community affairs at AVCO Broadcasting Corporation in Cincinnati. There, she worked with seven radio and five television stations from coast to coast.

In 1972, Mrs. Campbell returned to Gallipolis to pursue another passion and start her second career, this time in health care. As division director for community services at Holzer Medical Center, she used her experience and connections as a broadcaster to build relationships and bring people together. As executive vice president, she established the Holzer Heritage Foundation and continues to be a member of the foundation board. She was directly involved in the planning and establishment of Jenkins Memorial Health Clinic in Wellston and Holzer Medical Center in Jackson.

She retired in 2002 and started volunteering full-time with the Gallia County Chamber of Commerce and Community Improvement Corporation. She has hosted a radio talk show on WJEH-AM since 2005, "Talk of the Town," which airs three times each week.

Mrs. Campbell was inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame in 1998. She was the keynote speaker at the University of Rio Grande 2017 commencement and received an honorary doctorate of public service from the school. The Gallia Chamber of Commerce and the Community Improvement Corporation proclaimed September 1, 2017, as Marianne Campbell Day.

Her greatest supporter through her life and career was her husband of 68 years, Bill. While she and Mr. Campbell never had children of their own, she gave college internships to young people in the community, considering them her adoptive children. Of all her accomplishments, she is proudest to have been a mentor to them. She feels blessed to remain in touch with many of them and to have watched them pursue successful careers.





WILLIAM H. CONSIDINE
AKRON

William H. Considine is one of the longest-serving hospital leaders in the United States. He has worked to ensure compassionate and responsive care for children and families in his Akron community for more than four decades. His “servant leader” philosophy has positioned Akron Children’s Hospital as one of the nation’s premier, independent, integrated pediatric health care systems.

Mr. Considine graduated from the University of Akron in 1969 and received his master’s degree in health science administration from The Ohio State University in 1971. He earned doctorates in humane letters from the University of Akron and science honoris causa from Northeast Ohio Medical University.

He took the helm at Akron Children’s Hospital in 1979. At that time, the hospital consisted of one building with a staff of 900 and an operating budget of \$35 million. As President and CEO, he led the hospital to become a true health care system with two campuses, 80-plus locations offering a variety of specialties, a workforce of 7,000, and an annual operating budget of \$1.8 billion. The system currently serves more than one million patients each year.

Akron Children’s Hospital was founded in 1890 on three promises: 1) to treat every child as our own, 2) to treat everyone the way we would like to be treated, and 3) to never turn a child away. Mr. Considine committed himself to these promises and inspired others, as well.

He served as past chairman of the Ohio Children Hospitals Association, the Children’s Miracle Network Board, and National Association of Children’s Hospitals. He has also served on the Governor’s Advisory Council on Health Care Payment Innovation and as a member of the Ohio Hospital Association’s Task Force on Health Care Transformation.

Mr. Considine has been honored by many local, state, and national organizations, including the American Lung Association, March of Dimes, and Archbishop Joban High School. He earned the Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award in 2014.

Mr. Considine credits his parents, Howard and Gene Considine, married for 68 years, for teaching him and his four siblings the importance of service above self and to care for others. His father told him, “Don’t stand on the sidelines; get in the game and make a difference.”

While he recently stepped down as the hospital’s CEO he is focusing on the Akron Children’s Hospital Center for Child Advocacy as CEO Emeritus. He is working to establish 2020 as the “Year of the Child.”

Mr. Considine has been married to his wife Becky for 46 years. They have three grown children and two grandchildren. He remains close to his mother and siblings.

“It’s important to have a balance in your life and have the right perspective at any age,” Mr. Considine said. “Having a positive attitude is everything and that starts with you. Be a difference maker and the architect of your future.”



EILEEN COOPER REED
CINCINNATI

Eileen Cooper Reed is a warrior for the human spirit and a champion for Ohio’s children. For more than three decades she has addressed systems and structures that lead to inequity and inequality for the most vulnerable in her Cincinnati community. As an accomplished attorney, community leader, and humanitarian, she strives to influence better policy for everyone she serves.

Mrs. Cooper Reed received her bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of Maryland. She earned a law degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Law. After law school, she worked as a staff attorney for the United States Court of Appeals and served as a Hamilton County assistant prosecutor. She spent seven years as a juvenile court referee in Hamilton County.

In 1993, she opened and became the director of the Cincinnati office of the Children’s Defense Fund. She advocated for children in Cincinnati and eventually across the state. Her office documented needs of Cincinnati children in child health, child welfare, early childhood care, and K-12 education. She used that information to propose sound policies to local, state, and federal legislators. While president of the fund’s Ohio office, she mentored many young African-American leaders.

Mrs. Cooper Reed served two four-year terms on the City of Cincinnati Board of Education. She was chosen by her colleagues to serve as president four of those years. After her tenure on the board of education, she formed the Intersections Group to examine equity in individuals, organizations, and the community. She also created a coalition of 30 child care and advocacy organizations that secured the first Robert Wood Johnson non-health institution grant in Cincinnati.

She served as chair on the boards for the InterAct for Health Foundation and the Sisters of Charity Ministry Foundation. She was elected to the executive committee of the Council for Great City Schools and chaired the National Advisory Committee on Black Males. She is currently board chair for the Ohio Justice and Policy Center. She is also a member of the Xavier University’s President’s Advisory Council and the core team of All-In Cincinnati. Mrs. Cooper Reed received the Dada Rafiki Legacy Award and Shmieg-Weil Award.

She and her husband Jim have six children and 14 grandchildren. In 1987, they were named Hamilton County Adoptive Parents of the Year. She feels that lifelong learning and loving oneself and others is the secret to success and longevity. She loves to read and travel internationally.

She credits her parents for her devotion to others and success in serving. “They taught me about service, faith, fidelity, and the value of education,” she said. Her parents inspired her to ask the difficult questions about injustice or inequity and she, in turn, inspires others to be better global citizens.





LARRY R. HUNTER
NEW FRANKLIN

Larry R. Hunter is a successful businessman and a champion of the environment and conservation in his northeast Ohio community. He taught others the importance of caring for their natural surroundings and has brought his community together to give back for all they have been given.

In 1968, Mr. Hunter founded the HHI Company, Inc., a manufacturer of race car custom molded rubber parts and high-performance brake pads. Today, he is active in daily plant operations as the company's president. When he's not working, he turns his activities to nature and his community's wellbeing.

Mr. Hunter became a charter member of the Portage Lakes Advisory Council in 1985. The council develops and supports events and resources that bring attention to the community, such as the creation of the bird and butterfly trail at Portage Lakes State Park. He retired from the council in 2017.

In 2000, Mr. Hunter founded the Portage Lakes Purple Martin Association. The organization's purpose is to educate the public about maintaining a healthy population of the birds, which eat much of the area's nuisance insects, saving the community money and helping to prevent disease. The association has introduced more than one thousand children to local wildlife.

Each June, the association sponsors Buckeye Martifest, a celebration of the birds and their benefits. Mr. Hunter stepped down as the organization's president in 2009. In 2014, in large part due to Mr. Hunter's leadership, Governor John Kasich officially designated the Portage Lakes area as the "Purple Martin Capital of Ohio."

In 2011, he founded the Annual Kiwanis Portage Pirate Days on the Lakes with more than 350 families attending.

Mr. Hunter founded the Gardeners of Portage Lakes State Park in 2015. The group focuses on creating a safe haven for monarch butterflies and other native pollinators, which are dying off because of insecticides and herbicides.

Mr. Hunter is a member of Portage Lakes Kiwanis. He established the Kiwanis President's Day Event to recognize leaders of area organizations and explain what their organizations do. He also plays Santa for the organization.

For his service, Mr. Hunter was honored with the 2014-2015 Portage Lakes Kiwanian of the Year award. In 2015, he earned the Earth Hero Award from Summit Metro Parks.

Mr. Hunter and his wife Judy have been married 52 years and have two sons and four grandchildren. He is a lifelong fisherman. Today, he donates his catch to the Kiwanis Bluegill Fish Fry, which he founded.

"Everyone has something to offer; so enjoy life, try to make a difference, and refuse to grow old," Mr. Hunter said. "If you are going to take from a resource, you should be willing to give back to it." Thanks to his example, conservation will be part of his community for generations to come.



DAVID MEYERS
COLUMBUS

Throughout his life, David Meyers' compassion has been evident in his public service career, in serving underserved populations, in academia, and in his literary and musical endeavors.

Mr. Meyers is a graduate of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, and The Ohio State University. He served the Ohio Department of Corrections and Ohio Department of Youth Services for 30 years as a psychologist and an administrator. In 2000, he retired and started a second career working with underserved populations and non-traditional students at Columbus State Community College, where he worked until 2018. During his career as an administrator, he found his true passion for writing.

He has written at least one book – ranging from documentaries to fiction – every year since 2008. He has worked with a diverse group of co-authors, including his daughter, Elise Meyers Walker. Together, the father-daughter duo has written ten books about Ohio history.

Mr. Meyers feels a responsibility to highlight the stories of the disadvantaged, underserved, and marginalized members of our communities. Each new book brings something unique to its topic.

He also writes about beloved central Ohio landmarks, such as his 2011 book, "Look to Lazarus: The Big Store," about the landmark downtown Columbus store. In 2014, he published "Kahiki Super Club: A Polynesian Paradise in Columbus," about the internationally known tiki-themed restaurant.

Mr. Meyers regularly speaks to historical societies and is a guest on podcasts. He is a contributor to the Columbus public radio program, "All Sides with Ann Fisher," and public television program, "Columbus Neighborhoods."

With fellow author and personal mentor, Robert D. Thomas, Mr. Meyers founded the Columbus Senior Musicians Hall of Fame in 1994. For the next 15 years, the two men organized and Mr. Meyers hosted, an annual induction ceremony honoring more than 400 Central Ohioans.

Mr. Meyers spent twenty years on the board of directors of the Hocking Valley Museum of Theatrical History. They were the driving force behind the restoration of the 1879 Stuart's Opera House in Nelsonville.

His love of music also led him to write musicals and one-act plays that have been produced regionally. He collaborated with musician and composer Scott Michaels for productions of "The Last Christmas Carol" in 2001 and "The Last Oz Story," in 2018.

He and his wife Beverly raised their daughter and have a three-year old grandson. Mr. Meyers plans to travel, write more books, do more presentations and encourage more people to follow their dreams.

"People often say that those who fail to remember history are doomed to repeat it," Mr. Meyers reflected. "I don't think history repeats itself, but I do believe it rhymes with what is going on now."





GENNY D. REED
MANSFIELD

Genny D. Reed spent her life working to ensure that those under her care were treated with dignity and respect. In retirement, she goes above and beyond as a volunteer to advocate for her peers.

Mrs. Reed spent nearly 30 years as an administrator and medical practice consultant in a skilled nursing facility. Following her career, she connected with the regional Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program based in Mansfield, Ohio. She wanted to use her experience and expertise to be a voice for fellow older adults and people with disabilities in a way that would positively impact their quality of life.

She began volunteering as an ombudsman associate in 2008. Volunteers are the eyes and ears of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program. They visit nursing homes and assisted living facilities to meet with residents and families. They educate consumers about the resources of the ombudsman program and help residents and family members work with facility staff to solve simple issues with care. When problems are more complex, ombudsman volunteers facilitate referrals to paid ombudsman staff.

After three years as a volunteer, Mrs. Reed wanted to do more. So, in 2011, she took additional volunteer training to become certified as an ombudsman specialist. This additional designation gives her the same knowledge and authority as paid ombudsman staff and allows her to investigate and advocate for resolution of complex issues for residents. She is one of only a handful of ombudsman volunteers statewide to successfully attain this designation. Her contributions free up other staff and allow her to build strong relationships with those she serves.

One example of her advocacy is a nursing home resident who came to her after receiving a \$7,800 nursing home bill for time that she was in a hospital. The resident had been told she wouldn't have to pay for her time away, and instead used the money to prepay her funeral expenses. Mrs. Reed met with the general manager of the facility to discuss the bill and was able to reach an agreement that the resident did not owe for the time she was not in the facility.

Mrs. Reed has contributed more than 7,300 hours of volunteer service to the ombudsman program and has been recognized by Ohio's State Long-Term Ombudsman as the volunteer contributing the most hours. In 2014, she was named advocate of the year by the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. She is also a two-time winner of the President's Volunteer Service Award in the Gold Category.

Mrs. Reed and her husband Jim live in Mansfield with their dog Sami. They raised two daughters and have three grandchildren. Mrs. Reed enjoys reading, writing, painting, and sewing.

Many people come to Mrs. Reed with questions about nursing homes, and ask her about the available activities they should try. She tries to interest them in volunteering. Mrs. Reed said, "It makes me feel good to give my time to help others and hopefully make their lives happier."



WALTER L. AND CAROL A. TYLICKI
TOLEDO

Walter L. and Carol A. Tylicki gave their hearts to each other more than five decades ago, and they give their time, talents, and much more to their northwest Ohio community every day. The word "volunteers" does not adequately describe them nor the contributions they have made and continue to make for their neighbors. They are leaders, planners, counselors, humanitarians, and much more.

Since 2005, Mr. and Mrs. Tylicki have volunteered with the Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio, Inc., and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). They have dedicated more than 10,000 RSVP volunteer service hours and have given even more as volunteers for other programs. Together, they support outreach events for the agency and serve on the advisory board. They go quarterly to the Veteran Affairs Medical Clinic in Toledo to represent the Area Office on Aging.

Mr. Tylicki serves as the transportation coordinator for the Area Office on Aging Senior Day Expo. He directs drivers and vehicles, parking volunteers, and shuttle services for the event. Mrs. Tylicki volunteers as a certified Medicare counselor with the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program. She helps other older adults understand their Medicare options to make informed decisions.

Beyond helping address everyday needs, Mr. and Mrs. Tylicki also help ensure their neighbors are prepared for the worst. They supported a partnership between the Area Office on Aging, the United Way of Greater Toledo, and the Lucas County Citizen Corps Council to rally volunteers and make the community safer, stronger, and better prepared for disasters. Mr. Tylicki led the Citizen Corps Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) initiative, which organizes and directs spontaneous volunteers during a disaster.

Their planning, preparation, and coordination were needed in June 2010 when tornadoes struck northwest Ohio. Mr. Tylicki led the establishment of a VRC in Fulton County, while Mrs. Tylicki assisted with assignments in both the Wood and Fulton Counties VRCs to help process more than 400 volunteers in the days following the storms.

Mr. and Mrs. Tylicki volunteer together at the St. Vincent DePaul Society, working with low-income residents. Mr. and Mrs. Tylicki are also involved with the United Way of Monroe County, Michigan.

For their dedication and service in the community, the Ohio Department of Aging honored Mr. and Mrs. Tylicki with the 2011 Joined Hearts in Giving Award, which recognized long-married couples who share a commitment to volunteerism.

Mr. and Mrs. Tylicki have been married for 53 years and were blessed with three sons. They have seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. They enjoy traveling to other states to be with family.

Whether Mr. and Mrs. Tylicki volunteer as a couple or as individuals, they are kindhearted and caring individuals with a contagious spirit for life and they are making things happen in northwest Ohio.





DR. ERIC V. A. WINSTON
XENIA

Born and raised in Savannah, Georgia, Dr. Eric V. A. Winston has been an active and notable resident of Xenia since moving to Ohio in 1979. His contributions in education, civic engagement, and the film industry have allowed him to leave his mark around the world and across generations.

Dr. Winston received his bachelor's degree from Morehouse College, his master's degree from Clark Atlanta University, and his doctorate from Michigan State University. He was an administrator at Wilberforce University for 23 years, serving as vice president of student affairs from 1979 to 1982 and vice president of development from 1982 to 2002.

After retirement from Wilberforce, he moved to Chicago, Illinois, to serve as vice president for institutional advancement at Columbia College for eight years before returning to Xenia.

Dr. Winston served on the Xenia City Council for 14 years, including two years as president. He chaired the parks and recreation committee and raised funds to support monthly music in the park and movies in the park series. Through his leadership, the city has hosted a variety of summer music concerts, including the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra. He also served as chair of the board of the Xenia Area Chamber of Commerce and the United Way donor relations council.

As president of the Xenia Rotary Club, Dr. Winston spearheaded an initiative to purchase medical supplies and equipment for the J. R. Borja Memorial City Hospital in Cagayan de Oro in the Philippines. He travelled to more than 80 percent of the Rotary clubs in the district to educate members and raised \$40,000.

Dr. Winston was recently appointed to the advisory council for the Area Agency on Aging, PSA 2, based in Dayton.

In 2013, Dr. Winston turned toward the film industry. His first film, "Taking Israel," chronicles the service of 150 African-American students at Wilberforce University who spent summers in Israel from 1988 to 2002, a program he administered. His focus for future documentaries is to bring to the fore outstanding African-Americans.

When he's not directing his own films, he supports the work of other filmmakers. He was executive producer of the documentary, "Taking Park City," and co-producer of the 2014 feature film, "Animals." He acted in "Black Butterfly," and the Spanish language film, "Over and Over Again."

Dr. Winston and his wife Karen, have two daughters and three granddaughters. He believes that staying physically and mentally active helps him continue to serve his community.

Dr. Winston credits his father, who at age 65 returned to law school and earned his degree at age 70, for his own drive and determination. Dr. Winston said, "He consistently demonstrated to me that one should never abandon a dream but work diligently to make it come true."



CHARLES J. AND MARIANN D. YOUNGER
FINDLAY

Charles J. and Mariann D. Younger have enriched Hancock County and the city of Findlay by inspiring individuals, their families, and neighbors to make their community and Ohio a better place. Their philanthropy through the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation and their focus on issues facing young people have helped light brighter futures for many.

Mrs. Younger earned her degree in education and taught at all levels, including pre-school and as a tutor. She helped guide the University of Findlay's Mazza Museum to become a world leader in the collection of original artwork by children's literature illustrators. She served as a docent, president, and artists' liaison for the Dana Younger Gallery, named in her honor. In 2008 she was awarded an honorary doctorate of fine arts by the University of Findlay.

She was a board member and secretary/treasurer of the Hancock County League of Women Voters. She helped found and volunteered for the CASA/Guardian-ad-litem program for the Hancock County Juvenile Court and supported Chopin Hall and the Hancock Christian Clearing House to help young people through tough times.

She was an active member and volunteer of First Presbyterian Church of Findlay. She also served on the advisory committee of Hancock County Family Services and the board of the Intergenerational Institute. She was president of the public advisory board of WBGU Public Television.

Her community lost a true champion for children and families when Mrs. Younger passed away in 2016.

Mr. Younger retired as executive vice president of Continental Cablevision in 1993. He has served the community through several different organizations. He is a past member of the Findlay-Hancock County Area Chamber of Commerce, board member of the Council on Domestic Violence, past president of both the Findlay Area Arts Council and the public advisory board of WBGU Public Television. For more than 30 years, he has volunteered as the announcer for boys and girls high school soccer games.

Mr. Younger was a trustee of the University of Findlay from 2000 to 2012 and received the designation of trustee emeritus. He received honorary doctorate degrees from the University of Findlay and Eastern Illinois University.

In 1996, Mr. and Mrs. Younger established the Charles J. Younger Fund to support charitable interests. They also established the Mariann Dana Younger Fund and scholarships in each of their sons' names.

In addition to their four sons, Mr. and Mrs. Younger have ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Younger shared a commitment to each other, their family and to their communities. Because of them, many have enjoyed better lives, and in turn, have improved the lives of others. They exemplify what it means to be good citizens and to live with integrity and charity in your heart.



In the Name and by the Authority of

THE STATE OF OHIO



WHEREAS, each May, the Ohio Department of Aging celebrates Older Americans Month and the continued contributions and accomplishments of older adults by inducting individuals into the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame honors and recognizes the role older adults play in their communities, state, and nation while it also promotes the benefits of active, productive and purposeful living throughout the lifespan; and

WHEREAS, nearly 500 outstanding older Ohioans have been inducted to the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame since it was founded in 1977; and

WHEREAS, individuals selected for the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame lead lives not defined by age or barriers, and possess values we should all strive to emulate, such as dedication, creativity, kindness and compassion; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 inductees to the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Ohio are a diverse group of accomplished scientists, educators, broadcasters, business leaders, philanthropists, authors, activists, volunteers, and more.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, **Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio**, do hereby recognize and congratulate the inductees to the

2019 OHIO SENIOR CITIZENS HALL OF FAME

On this 30th day of May 2019;

Handwritten signature of Mike DeWine in blue ink.

Mike DeWine
Governor



Handwritten signature of Jon Husted in blue ink.

Jon Husted
Lieutenant Governor

THE MISSION OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGING

Our mission is to deliver practical, person-centered strategies and services that will strengthen and support Ohio's elders and their communities.

CORE VALUES

PROMOTE INDEPENDENCE:

Provide resources that foster independence and autonomy throughout the lifespan.

EMPOWER COMMUNITIES:

Deliver sustainable, relevant solutions that empower communities to act within the best interest of their elders.

CHALLENGE AGEISM:

Promote new perspectives of aging that challenge the traditional declinist narrative.

ADVOCATE FOR EXCELLENCE:

Advocate with and for Ohio's elders to ensure their voices are heard and their needs are met.

ENGAGE IN INNOVATION:

Engage the aging network by staying innovative, flexible and attentive to the evolving needs of our partners and stakeholders.