

RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF ROBERT H. WHITNEY

The Board of Governors of the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center, met in regular session on the 14th day of February 2024, with the following members present:

Brad Geissman
William Hope

Bill McFarland
Kyle Swigart

Linda Schumacher
Douglas Theaker

Mr. Hope

moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Robert H. "Bob" Whitney has served public education with dedication, perseverance and enthusiasm for sixty years; and

WHEREAS, during his service on the Lexington Local (Richland) Board of Education from 1964 to 2024, he led the board as president for over forty years and guided the district through two major building programs, and beyond the original "three Rs", Bob added three more: Respect, Responsibility, and Results, and expanded the "three As" Academics, Athletics, and the Arts.; and

WHEREAS, as a leader in academic, sports, and the arts, the new Lexington High School houses the Robert H. Whitney Performing Arts Center, recognizing his unwavering support to the youth in the community and

WHEREAS, since 1962, Bob's devotion to the law and that everyone is not-guilty until they are found guilty was the foundation of his criminal law practice and the hundreds of jury trials - including several death penalty cases - in Richland and surrounding Counties.; and

WHEREAS, his many activities included involvement with the Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity, Richland County Bar Association, Ohio State Bar Association, Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys, Ohio School Boards Association, Troy Township Zoning Board of Appeals and Mansfield Leiderkranz; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his tireless contributions to the community, Bob loved his farm and spending time at home with his family; and

WHEREAS, Bob's enthusiastic leadership, love of public education and unwavering dedication to the students of Lexington Local and Ohio is an inspiration to us all; and

WHEREAS, that we, the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center Board of Education, administrators, and staff, along with the Lexington Local community, recognizes the significant contributions of Bob Whitney over the course of his life and extends their sincerest condolences to his friends and family, especially his beloved wife, Carole Sue; and

WHEREAS the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center, in memory of Robert H. Whitney, will be awarding three \$500 scholarships during the 2024 Franklin B. Walter program in his memory.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the Ohio School Boards Association Board of Trustees and the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center, on this 14th day of February 2024, hereby honors and fondly remembers Robert H. Whitney, who epitomized the best in public education leadership, dedication to duty and what it means to be a citizen-servant and extends its deepest sympathies to his family and colleagues.

Mr. McFarland

seconded the Motion, and upon roll call the vote resulted as follows: 6-Yes, 0-No

Douglas Theaker

Douglas Theaker, Board President
Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center

Kathy McFarland

Dr. Kathy McFarland, Chief Executive Officer
Ohio School Boards Association

