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**A BILL**

To enact sections 5.015, 5.2522, 5.2524, 5.2525, 1  
and 5.2526 of the Revised Code to create a 2  
suggested ceremonial procedure for retiring an 3  
Ohio state flag and to designate March as 4  
"Cardiac Amyloidosis Recognition Month," April 5  
26 as "Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA) Day," 6  
September as "Hirschsprung's Disease Awareness 7  
Month," and November 16 as "Sanfilippo Syndrome 8  
Awareness Day." 9

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 5.015, 5.2522, 5.2524, 5.2525, 10  
and 5.2526 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 11

**Sec. 5.015.** (A) The general assembly recommends the 12  
following ceremonial procedure for the retirement of the state 13  
flag, to be followed, voluntarily, with respect and dignity, by 14

civilians and civilian groups or organizations. 15

(B) The ceremony shall consist of three parts: a preamble, 16  
a pledge, and the retirement by burning of the separated parts 17  
of the state flag. 18

(C) Before the ceremony to retire the state flag, the 19  
dedicated parts of the state flag shall be separated as 20  
specified in division (G) of this section in preparation for the 21  
ceremony. A written preamble as set forth in division (D) of 22  
this section shall be provided to all persons upon entering the 23  
premises where the ceremony will occur along with a copy of the 24  
pledge set forth in section 5.013 of the Revised Code. 25

(D) The preamble to the ceremony shall state the 26  
following: 27

I am the flag of the state of Ohio. 28

My first witness to our country as your state symbol was 29  
to the assassination of President William McKinley on September 30  
14, 1901. 31

Our state went nearly one hundred years without a flag to 32  
represent us. 33

The spirit of Ohio is within me. 34

I represent everything: from the hills and valleys, to the 35  
rivers and roadways of our great state. 36

I call our state great for many reasons. 37

Some have called our state the Mother of Presidents. 38

Eight of our nation's presidents have been born among 39  
these hills and valleys. 40

Know that, in my retirement, my spirit must live on. 41

The spirit of Ohio must live on! 42

The history of yesterday, the gifts of the present, and 43  
the future of tomorrow. 44

These principles are woven into me! 45

(E) All persons present who are able, should be asked to 46  
stand at attention with their right hands placed over their 47  
hearts or with the appropriate salute during the pledge to the 48  
flag. A speaker shall lead the group in stating the pledge set 49  
forth in section 5.013 of the Revised Code. 50

(F) After the pledge, the speaker shall ask that the 51  
stripes be brought forth, stating: "Please bring forth the 52  
stripes of our flag. These stripes represent the roads and 53  
waterways of Ohio. Let them now be retired by fire." The speaker 54  
shall then ask that the union and stars be brought forth, 55  
stating: "Please bring forth the blue union and stars of our 56  
flag. This union represents the hills and valleys of Ohio. These 57  
stars represent our joining the Union as the 17th state. Now let 58  
them be retired by fire. As we continue about our daily lives, 59  
keep in mind the spirit of the flag and know that it lives on." 60

(G) The dedicated parts of the state flag shall be cut in 61  
separate parts including the triangular blue union with stars as 62  
one piece, the three red stripes as three separate pieces, and 63  
the two white stripes as two additional pieces. The five stripes 64  
shall be presented upon the request of the speaker. The blue 65  
union and stars shall be presented as one piece upon the request 66  
of the speaker. 67

Sec. 5.2522. The sixteenth day of November is designated 68  
as "Sanfilippo Syndrome Awareness Day." 69

Sec. 5.2524. The month of March is designated as "Cardiac 70

Amyloidosis Recognition Month. 71

Sec. 5.2525. The twenty-sixth day of April is designated 72  
as "Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA) Awareness Day." 73

Sec. 5.2526. The month of September is designated as 74  
"Hirschsprung's Disease Awareness Month" to increase public 75  
awareness of Hirschsprung's disease and encourage caregivers of 76  
newborns to seek an early diagnosis and proper treatment of the 77  
disease. 78