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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the National Inventors Hall of Fame to induct Dr. 1
Patricia Era Bath. 2

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, The National Inventors Hall of Fame recognizes and 3
honors the enduring legacies of exceptional United States patent 4
holders whose inventions transform and improve lives and help 5
create new industries; and 6

WHEREAS, With each new class of inductees, the National 7
Inventors Hall of Fame not only applauds their inventions, but 8
also provides opportunities for inductees to engage and inspire 9
the inventors of tomorrow; and 10

WHEREAS, Dr. Patricia Era Bath, an ophthalmologist and 11
laser scientist, was an innovative research scientist and 12
advocate for blindness prevention, treatment, and cure, in 13
particular for underserved populations, whose accomplishments 14
include appointment as the first Black resident in 15

ophthalmology, the creation of a new discipline known as 16
"community ophthalmology," and serving as the first woman chair 17
of ophthalmology in the United States, at Charles R. Drew 18
University of Medicine and Science and the University of 19
California, Los Angeles; and 20

WHEREAS, Dr. Bath was also an inventor, with her interests, 21
experience, and research on cataracts leading her to invent the 22
Laserphaco Probe, a device and method that harnesses laser 23
technology to remove cataracts and provides for a less painful 24
and more precise form of cataract treatment, that since its 25
invention has helped to restore or improve vision for millions 26
of patients worldwide; and 27

WHEREAS, Dr. Bath's invention, the Laserphaco Probe, was 28
patented in 1988, making Dr. Bath the first Black female 29
physician to hold a United States medical patent, with Dr. Bath 30
later holding four additional United States patents as well as 31
international patents from Japan, Canada, and several countries 32
in Europe; now therefore be it 33

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 134th General 34
Assembly, urge the National Inventors Hall of Fame to induct Dr. 35
Patricia Era Bath to honor her numerous contributions, in 36
particular, the Laserphaco Probe, an invention that has improved 37
millions of lives, and to inspire and engage future scientists 38
and inventors; and be it further 39

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House transmit duly 40
authenticated copies of this resolution to the National 41
Inventors Hall of Fame and news media of Ohio. 42