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## **COMMISSIONERS STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF SENATOR JOHN GLENN**

John Glenn exemplified America's Greatest Generation, and lived an unparalleled life of service to our nation, state, and community. His sacrifice and service in two wars, as a test pilot, pioneering astronaut, and for 25 years in the U.S. Senate has made our country stronger, and his founding of the John Glenn College of Public Affairs continues to help a new generation of leaders to reach for the stars. Colonel Glenn was the first American to orbit the earth and is both the fifth and the oldest person to have ever flown in space. He was instrumental in the creation of the new Ohio Veterans Memorial and Museum, and he will be deeply missed in Franklin County and across the nation. The commissioners extend their deepest condolences to Annie and the entire Glenn family.

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