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Honoring the life and recognizing the accomplishments of Eric Nord, co-founder of the Nordson Corporation, innovative businessman and engineer, and generous Ohio philanthropist.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BROWN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and recognizing the accomplishments of Eric Nord, co-founder of the Nordson Corporation, innovative businessman and engineer, and generous Ohio philanthropist.

Whereas Eric Nord, an Amherst, Ohio, native was born on November 8, 1917;

Whereas Eric Nord graduated from Amherst High School in 1935 and received a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering from the Case Institute of Technology, now known as Case Western Reserve University;

Whereas Eric Nord co-founded Ohio-based Nordson Corporation with his father and brother;

Whereas Eric Nord served as President of Nordson Corporation from 1954 to 1974, Chairman and CEO from 1974

to 1983, Chairman of the Board of Directors from 1983 to 1997, and Chairman Emeritus from 1997 to 2008;

Whereas Eric Nord was awarded 25 United States patents;

Whereas Eric Nord oversaw the early growth of Nordson Corporation from a local business with less than \$1,000,000 in annual sales to a multinational corporation with annual sales of \$121,000,000;

Whereas Eric Nord's creativity and vision merited numerous honors and awards, including an honorary doctorate of science from Oberlin College and the Case Alumni Association Gold Medal Award in recognition of outstanding technical innovation, successful business management, and dedicated public service;

Whereas Eric Nord established the Nord Family Foundation, the Nordson Corporation Foundation, the Community Foundation of Greater Lorain County, and the Eric and Jane Nord Foundation;

Whereas the charitable work of Eric Nord contributed more than \$100,000,000 to worthy causes;

Whereas Eric Nord was a strong advocate for civil rights, fighting to establish fair housing practices for minorities in Oberlin, Ohio, during the 1960s;

Whereas Eric Nord was a beloved member of the community, philanthropist, husband, and father;

Whereas Eric Nord was an advocate for education, the arts, and social services; and

Whereas Ohio has lost an exemplary citizen and innovator with the passing of Eric Nord on June 19, 2008: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate honors the life and recog-
2 nizes the accomplishments of Eric Nord, a civic-minded
3 business leader, compassionate humanitarian, and dedi-
4 cated family man.

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