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COLUMBUS, OHIO – The below statement can be attributed to Ohio Chamber President & CEO Steve Stivers regarding the passing of former Ohio House Speaker Jo Ann Davidson.

“We are saddened to learn of Jo Ann Davidson’s passing. The Ohio Chamber has the pleasure of calling her a staff alumna; she rose from a Chamber Research Associate in 1971 to Director of Legislative Services and, eventually, Vice President of Special Programs. In 2022, the Ohio Chamber was proud to award her with a Lifetime Achievement award.

Speaker Davidson was a trailblazer for women in Ohio government. As the first woman elected Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives, she paved the way for all women who dreamed of a career in public service. The Jo Ann Davidson Ohio Leadership Institute allowed many women, some of whom serve in today’s Legislature, to assume more prominent roles in a field that remains largely male-dominated.

Speaker Davidson’s influence will persist in our state forever. We are grateful for her lifelong partnership and her resounding impact.”

[This video](#) was shown at the 2022 Impact Ohio Post General Election Conference to honor Jo Ann Davidson’s powerful legacy before she was presented with the Ohio Chamber’s Lifetime Achievement award (see photo above).

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