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Sponsor Testimony
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Hello Chair Anielski, Vice Chair Hambley, Ranking Member Bishoff and members of the House State and Local Government Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to present Sponsor Testimony on a bill that will codify one of Ohio's global contributions. House Bill 135 will designate June 12th as Superman Day in Ohio.

This day will pay homage to Joe Shuster and Jerry Siegel, the two men responsible for the original interpretation of Superman in comics, and eventually in real-life motion pictures. Jerry Siegel, who was born in Cleveland, and Joe Shuster began creating Superman in 1933 while attending Glenville High School.

As co-creators of the most famous of mythical beings, Siegel and Shuster infused popular American culture with one of the most enduring icons of the 20th century. Superman has appeared in animated series, live-action series, major motion pictures, advertisements, and comic books, where his popularity grows with each generation of readers. "Faster than a speeding bullet, more powerful than a locomotive, able to leap tall buildings in a single bound," this legislation will acknowledge a hero whose roots began in Ohio and spread throughout the world.

Again, thank you Chair Anielski and members of the House State and Local Government Committee.