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Schaffer**

A R E S O L U T I O N

A resolution memorializing the President and 1
Congress to establish the Ohio Pathway Through 2
Space National Heritage Area and John H. Glenn, 3
Jr. Trail in the state of Ohio. 4

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
OHIO:**

WHEREAS, The state of Ohio has made a significant 5
contribution to space exploration and to America's space 6
program; and 7

WHEREAS, Twenty-five astronauts have come from the state of 8
Ohio; and 9

WHEREAS, Ohio's twenty-five astronauts include Neil A. 10
Armstrong of Wapakoneta, Charles A. Basset II of Dayton, Kenneth 11
D. Cameron of Cleveland, Nancy J. Currie of Troy, Donn F. Eisele 12
of Columbus, Michael J. Foreman of Wadsworth, Michael L. 13
Gernhardt of Mansfield, John H. Glenn, Jr. of Cambridge, Michael 14
T. Good of Broadview Heights, Gregory J. Harbaugh of Willoughby, 15
Karl G. Heinze of Cincinnati, Thomas J. Hennen of Columbus, 16
Terence T. Henricks of Woodville, Gregory H. Jonson of Fairborn, 17
James A. Lovell of Cleveland, G. David Low of Cleveland, Robert 18
F. Overmyer of Westlake, Ronald A. Parise of Warren, Judith A. 19

Resnik of Akron, Ronald M. Sega of Cleveland, Robert C. Springer 20
of Ashland, Donald A. Thomas of Cleveland, Carl E. Walz of 21
Cleveland, Mary Ellen Weber of Bedford Heights, and Sunita L. 22
Williams of Euclid; and 23

WHEREAS, Ohio's astronauts have made seventy-eight space 24
flights, three trips to the moon, and have logged over twenty- 25
two thousand hours in space; and 26

WHEREAS, John H. Glenn, Jr. of Cambridge became the first 27
American to orbit the Earth on February 20, 1962, and returned 28
back to space on October 29, 1998, as the oldest person to date 29
at the age of seventy-seven; and 30

WHEREAS, Neil A. Armstrong of Wapakoneta became the first 31
person to walk on the moon on July 20, 1969; and 32

WHEREAS, The state of Ohio is home to the Armstrong Air and 33
Space Museum in Wapakoneta, the University of Cincinnati 34
Commemorative Archives Collection in Cincinnati, the John Glenn 35
School of Public Affairs at the Ohio State University in 36
Columbus, the John & Annie Glenn Historic Site in New Concord, 37
the International Women's Air and Space Museum in Cleveland, the 38
Center of Science and Industry in Columbus, the NASA Glenn 39
Center in Cleveland, the National Museum of the United States 40
Air Force in Dayton, the First Flight Lunar Module Memorial in 41
Warren, the Great Lakes Science Center in Cleveland, and the 42
Museum of Natural History and Science in Cincinnati; and 43

WHEREAS, Russell Colley, an engineer at B.F. Goodrich 44
company in Akron, designed the first pressurized space suit, 45
worn by U.S. astronauts in the early 1960s; and 46

WHEREAS, Alice Chartham of Dayton designed the space 47
helmets used by the astronauts for the first supersonic and 48
space flights; and 49

WHEREAS, The MK-IV Helmet, made by B.F. Goodrich in the 50

late 1950s and early 1970s was manufactured by the Fabri-Form 51
Company in New Concord; and 52

WHEREAS, Peter Van Schalik of Dayton developed the 53
Astronaut Maneuvering Unit, the combination life support and 54
propulsion backpack that Gemini astronauts first used to move in 55
space; and 56

WHEREAS, In 1995, Ohio residents followed the STS-70 57
mission with close attention and pride. Four of the shuttle's 58
crewmembers, Nancy Currie, Tom Henricks, Don Thomas, and Mary 59
Ellen Weber, were from Ohio. Then Governor George Voinovich 60
attended the launch and made the fifth crew member, Kevin 61
Kregel, an honorary Ohio citizen. During the flight, the mission 62
control center played the Cleveland Indians baseball song as a 63
wake-up call for the crew; and 64

WHEREAS, There is considerable popular support for the 65
establishment of a National Heritage Area in the state of Ohio 66
to commemorate Ohio's important contribution to space 67
exploration and to America's space program; and 68

WHEREAS, The Ohio Pathway Through Space National Heritage 69
Area shall consist of Ohio's 88 counties and associated historic 70
sites and museums; and 71

WHEREAS, The John H. Glenn, Jr. Trail shall consist of 72
Franklin, Fairfield, Licking, Muskingum, and Guernsey counties 73
and associated historic sites and museums; now therefore be it 74

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 75
Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, urge the 76
Congress of the United States to pass, and the President to 77
sign, a bill establishing the Ohio Pathway Through Space 78
National Heritage Area and the John H. Glenn, Jr. Trail; and be 79
it further 80

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 81

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transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 82
President of the United States, the President Pro Tempore and 83
Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk 84
of the United States House of Representatives, the Chair of the 85
United States Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, 86
the Chair of the United States House Committee on Natural 87
Resources, each member of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and 88
the news media of Ohio. 89