

As Adopted by the House

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H. R. No. 515

Representative Green

A RESOLUTION

Designating Thomas Hamer Day in Ohio, August 8, 2018.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to designate August 8, 2018, as Thomas Hamer Day in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Lyon Hamer was born in July of 1800 in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, and after moving to Ohio at the age of seventeen, he began to pursue a career in law, having been admitted to the bar in 1821 and having established his own practice in Georgetown shortly thereafter. While many would have been content with such an achievement, Thomas Hamer chose a life of service, and he was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives, where he was named Speaker of the House, and then to the 23rd and 24th United State congresses; and

WHEREAS, Following the outbreak of the Mexican-American War in 1846, Thomas Hamer volunteered as a private in the Ohio Volunteers, and he was swiftly appointed to the rank of Brigadier General and participated in the Battle of Monterrey, when he assumed command of his brigade following the death of its commander. Despite the rigors of the campaign, he was elected to the 30th United States Congress, but he passed away before taking office; and

WHEREAS, Described by President Ulysses S. Grant as one of the ablest men Ohio ever produced, Thomas Hamer was interred in his hometown of Georgetown, Ohio, and his legacy continues to live on in the form of the two communities named in his honor; Hamersville and Hamer Township. Clearly, he was a dedicated and devoted public servant whose exemplary career continues to serve as an inspiration for others and whose sterling example and

unimpeachable character mark him as one of the finest leaders our 28
state has ever produced; therefore be it 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 30
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 31
this Resolution, designate August 8, 2018, as Thomas Hamer Day in 32
Ohio and applaud all those commemorating this occasion; and be it 33
further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 35
transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news 36
media of Ohio. 37