WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 133rd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to commend the Mentor Public Library on the auspicious occasion of its Bicentennial; and

WHEREAS, Recognition of this prestigious milestone is, indeed, a fitting tribute to the Mentor Public Library, for throughout its history, this fine endeavor has attained a praiseworthy record of service to the area. Organized in 1819 by local citizens as the Mentor Library Company, the library grew under the guidance of the Mentor Village Library Board and moved to a new location in 1959 to become the institution it is today, with branches in the Mentor Headlands and Mentor on the Lake; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Mentor Public Library has fostered education, culture, and individual growth and achievement by providing a variety of innovative and beneficial programs and services. As a focal point for many activities and as a valuable instrument for community improvement, the library has earned the respect and appreciation of countless patrons and has set an example of service worthy of emulation; and

WHEREAS, Public libraries play an important role in today’s society by serving as receptacles of shared knowledge, information, and ideas. They provide a means of enjoyment, self-advancement, and intellectual development for all individuals, and, as repositories for the best of our nation’s intellectual endeavors, they are vital to the preservation of our country’s
heritage, principles, and ideals. We are proud to note that it is through the efforts of institutions such as the Mentor Public Library that our state has maintained its reputation as a friendly, productive, and pleasant place in which to live and work; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 133rd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, congratulate the Mentor Public Library on its Two Hundredth Anniversary and extend best wishes for continued success; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Mentor Public Library.