

## As Introduced

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**H. R. No. 346**

**Representative Galonski**

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### A RESOLUTION

To support the creation and continuation of roadside  
habitat programs by the Ohio Department of  
Transportation.

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#### BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

WHEREAS, Pollinators such as bees and butterflies are a  
critical component to Ohio's ecological system and crucial to  
agricultural production; and

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WHEREAS, The population of these pollinators has  
dramatically declined for various reasons, including habitat  
loss. For example, more than 97% of the western monarch  
butterfly population has been lost in some regions of the United  
States; and

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WHEREAS, States have implemented various programs to  
address these population declines, including roadside habitat  
programs. The Ohio Department of Transportation has transformed  
more than 800 acres of land along roads to attract monarch  
butterflies and bees; and

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WHEREAS, The Department's roadside habitat program not only  
creates a healthy habitat for pollinators, it also reduces the  
need to mow these areas. In 2019, the reduction in mowing saved  
more than two million dollars; now therefore be it

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RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd

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General Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this 22  
resolution, support the creation and continuation of roadside 23  
habitat programs by the Ohio Department of Transportation; and 24  
be it further 25

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 26  
authenticated copies of this resolution to the Director of 27  
Transportation and the news media of Ohio. 28