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Senator Schaffer

Cosponsors: Senators Miller, D., Schuler, Carey, Padgett

RESOLUTION

To urge the National Park Service in the United States Department of the Interior to include the Fort Ancient Earthworks, the Newark Earthworks, the Hopewell Culture National Historical Park, SunWatch Indian Village and Archaeological Park, and Serpent Mound on the United States World Heritage Tentative List to be submitted to the United Nations for inclusion on the World Heritage List.

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

WHEREAS, The Fort Ancient Earthworks in Warren County, the Newark Earthworks in Licking County, the Hopewell Culture National Historical Park in Ross County, SunWatch Indian Village and Archaeological Park in Montgomery County, and Serpent Mound in Adams County are all outstanding examples of internationally significant and nationally recognized archaeological sites in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, The investigations of those sites were important foundations for scientific archaeology in North America. In addition, the sites were some of the first archaeological sites to be preserved in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The National Park Service in the United States

Department of the Interior is beginning to compile a list of 22
natural and cultural heritage properties from which it will select 23
nominees for submission to the United Nations Educational, 24
Scientific, and Cultural Organization for listing on the World 25
Heritage List, a list of the world's cultural and natural heritage 26
sites; and 27

WHEREAS, The Fort Ancient Earthworks, the Newark Earthworks, 28
and the sites that comprise the Hopewell Culture National 29
Historical Park are being submitted to the National Park Service 30
by the Ohio Historical Society and the Hopewell Culture National 31
Historical Park as a group for a serial nomination of earthworks 32
constructed by the Hopewell culture. In addition, those groups are 33
joining with the SunWatch Indian Village and Archaeological Park 34
in submitting that site and Serpent Mound to the Service as a 35
separate group; now therefore be it 36

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 127th 37
General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the National Park 38
Service in the United States Department of the Interior to include 39
the Fort Ancient Earthworks, the Newark Earthworks, the Hopewell 40
Culture National Historical Park, SunWatch Indian Village and 41
Archaeological Park, and Serpent Mound on the United States World 42
Heritage Tentative List to be submitted to the United Nations for 43
inclusion on the World Heritage List; and be it further 44

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate send duly 45
authenticated copies of this resolution to the Ohio Historical 46
Society, the Hopewell Culture National Historical Park, SunWatch 47
Indian Village and Archaeological Park, the National Park Service, 48
and the news media of Ohio. 49