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Representative Clyde

A RESOLUTION

Designating Thomas Paine Day in Ohio, January 29, 2016. 1

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

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 2
131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to designate January 3
29, 2016, as Thomas Paine Day in Ohio; and 4

WHEREAS, Born on January 29, 1736, in England, Thomas Paine 5
was a renowned philosopher, political activist, and essayist, and 6
he was invited to emigrate to the American colonies by Benjamin 7
Franklin, arriving in 1774. A proponent of universal education for 8
boys and girls, equality for women, and religious freedom, he 9
published the powerful pamphlet, *Common Sense*, in 1776 to advocate 10
for human rights, helping to inspire the rebellious colonies to 11
declare their independence from Great Britain, and his pamphlet 12
series, *The American Crisis*, published from 1776 to 1783 kept the 13
revolutionary fervor alive. He went on to live in France for most 14
of the 1790s, writing such works as *Rights of Man* and *The Age of* 15
Reason to inspire the French Revolution. He returned to the United 16
States in 1802, and he died on June 8, 1809; and 17

WHEREAS, Thomas Paine Day is a fitting time to pay tribute 18
to the memory of this remarkable man. Combining civic concern and 19
commitment with selfless initiative, he became a dynamic leader 20
for the American Revolution, and his example inspired countless 21
people to excel in various areas of endeavor. He is truly worthy 22
of recognition; and 23

WHEREAS, The spirit of our nation is founded upon, and 24

reflected in, its exciting and colorful past, and the 25
memorializing of significant people, landmarks, and events is 26
vital to the preservation of America's heritage. All those 27
involved with the designation of Thomas Paine Day are to be 28
applauded for their tremendous efforts to ensure that the 29
important details of our past are transmitted to succeeding 30
generations for their reflection and appreciation; therefore be it 31

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 32
Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 33
this Resolution, designate January 29, 2016, as Thomas Paine Day 34
in Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to learn about his contributions 35
to our freedom; and be it further 36

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 37
transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news 38
media of Ohio. 39