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**Representatives Sheehy, Stinziano**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Driehaus, Leland, Lepore-Hagan, Rogers,  
Schaffer**

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**A R E S O L U T I O N**

A resolution memorializing the President and 1  
Congress to establish the Ohio Pathway Through 2  
Space National Heritage Area and John H. Glenn, 3  
Jr. Trail in the state of Ohio. 4

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

WHEREAS, The state of Ohio has made a significant 5  
contribution to space exploration and to America's space 6  
program; and 7

WHEREAS, Twenty-five astronauts have come from the state of 8  
Ohio; and 9

WHEREAS, Ohio's twenty-five astronauts include Neil A. 10  
Armstrong of Wapakoneta, Charles A. Basset II of Dayton, Kenneth 11  
D. Cameron of Cleveland, Nancy J. Currie of Troy, Donn F. Eisele 12  
of Columbus, Michael J. Foreman of Wadsworth, Michael L. 13  
Gernhardt of Mansfield, John H. Glenn, Jr. of Cambridge, Michael 14  
T. Good of Broadview Heights, Gregory J. Harbaugh of Willoughby, 15  
Karl G. Heinze of Cincinnati, Thomas J. Hennen of Columbus, 16  
Terence T. Henricks of Woodville, Gregory H. Jonson of Fairborn, 17  
James A. Lovell of Cleveland, G. David Low of Cleveland, Robert 18

F. Overmyer of Westlake, Ronald A. Parise of Warren, Judith A. Resnik of Akron, Ronald M. Sega of Cleveland, Robert C. Springer of Ashland, Donald A. Thomas of Cleveland, Carl E. Walz of Cleveland, Mary Ellen Weber of Bedford Heights, and Sunita L. Williams of Euclid; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's astronauts have made seventy-eight space flights, three trips to the moon, and have logged over twenty-two thousand hours in space; and

WHEREAS, John H. Glenn, Jr. of Cambridge became the first American to orbit the Earth on February 20, 1962, and returned back to space on October 29, 1998, as the oldest person to date at the age of seventy-seven; and

WHEREAS, Neil A. Armstrong of Wapakoneta became the first person to walk on the moon on July 20, 1969; and

WHEREAS, The state of Ohio is home to the Armstrong Air and Space Museum in Wapakoneta, the University of Cincinnati Commemorative Archives Collection in Cincinnati, the John Glenn School of Public Affairs at the Ohio State University in Columbus, the John & Annie Glenn Historic Site in New Concord, the International Women's Air and Space Museum in Cleveland, the Center of Science and Industry in Columbus, the NASA Glenn Center in Cleveland, the National Museum of the United States Air Force in Dayton, the First Flight Lunar Module Memorial in Warren, the Great Lakes Science Center in Cleveland, and the Museum of Natural History and Science in Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Russell Colley, an engineer at B.F. Goodrich company in Akron, designed the first pressurized space suit, worn by U.S. astronauts in the early 1960s; and

WHEREAS, Alice Chartham of Dayton designed the space helmets used by the astronauts for the first supersonic and space flights; and

WHEREAS, The MK-IV Helmet, made by B.F. Goodrich in the late 1950s and early 1970s was manufactured by the Fabri-Form Company in New Concord; and

WHEREAS, Peter Van Schalik of Dayton developed the Astronaut Maneuvering Unit, the combination life support and propulsion backpack that Gemini astronauts first used to move in space; and

WHEREAS, In 1995, Ohio residents followed the STS-70 mission with close attention and pride. Four of the shuttle's crewmembers, Nancy Currie, Tom Henricks, Don Thomas, and Mary Ellen Weber, were from Ohio. Then Governor George Voinovich attended the launch and made the fifth crew member, Kevin Kregel, an honorary Ohio citizen. During the flight, the mission control center played the Cleveland Indians baseball song as a wake-up call for the crew; and

WHEREAS, There is considerable popular support for the establishment of a National Heritage Area in the state of Ohio to commemorate Ohio's important contribution to space exploration and to America's space program; and

WHEREAS, The Ohio Pathway Through Space National Heritage Area shall consist of Ohio's 88 counties and associated historic sites and museums; and

WHEREAS, The John H. Glenn, Jr. Trail shall consist of Franklin, Fairfield, Licking, Muskingum, and Guernsey counties and associated historic sites and museums; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, urge the Congress of the United States to pass, and the President to sign, a bill establishing the Ohio Pathway Through Space National Heritage Area and the John H. Glenn, Jr. Trail; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives

transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 81  
President of the United States, the President Pro Tempore and 82  
Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk 83  
of the United States House of Representatives, the Chair of the 84  
United States Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, 85  
the Chair of the United States House Committee on Natural 86  
Resources, each member of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and 87  
the news media of Ohio. 88