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Representative Hughes

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the Freemasons of Ohio on the Three Hundredth
Anniversary of Freemasonry.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1
132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to pay tribute to the 2
Freemasons of Ohio as they celebrate the Three Hundredth 3
Anniversary of the establishment of the modern Masonic fraternity, 4
June 24, 2017; and 5

WHEREAS, This is, indeed, an important occasion, and it 6
provides an ideal time to acknowledge the exceptional legacy of 7
this fine organization. In 1717, four lodges of the Free and 8
Accepted Masons in London, England, came together to establish the 9
United Grand Lodge of England, and this event is acknowledged as 10
the birth of the modern Masonic fraternity. Over the years, 11
masonic lodges have spread to countries around the world, and the 12
Freemasons of Ohio can trace their fraternal heritage to the St. 13
John's Lodge and African Lodge, both of Boston, Massachusetts; 14
and 15

WHEREAS, The Freemasons of Ohio, who are organized into the 16
Grand Lodge of Ohio and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio, 17
continue to offer men of honor and good reputation with the 18
opportunity to unite in the practice of brotherly love, relief, 19
and truth, and all those associated with these lodges are to be 20
commended for their foresight, dedication, and selfless donations 21
of time, energy, and ability far beyond what was required or 22
expected. These fine people have earned the respect and admiration 23
of many and have set an example of concerned and responsible 24
citizenship worthy of emulation; and 25

WHEREAS, Founded on the highest ideals of brotherhood and 26
service, the Freemasons of Ohio have distinguished themselves by 27

their commitment to excellence. Throughout their history, masonic 28
groups have maintained a reputation for integrity, reliability, 29
and devotion, and the charitable efforts of their members are 30
deserving of the highest praise; therefore be it 31

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 32
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 33
this Resolution, congratulate the Freemasons of Ohio on its 34
Tricentennial celebration and salute their members as outstanding 35
Ohioans; and be it further 36

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 37
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the 38
Freemasons of Ohio. 39