

As Adopted by the Senate

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S. R. No. 660

Senator O'Brien

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Bridge Street Ashtabula as the winner of the 2018
America's Main Street Contest.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General 1
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to applaud Bridge Street Ashtabula on 2
winning the 2018 America's Main Street Contest, sponsored by 3
Independent We Stand; and 4

WHEREAS, Congratulations are certainly in order, and this 5
accolade acknowledges the outstanding efforts of Bridge Street 6
Ashtabula and the local business community, demonstrating how very 7
much can be accomplished by a group of conscientious people with 8
clear objectives and firm resolve. At the turn of the Twentieth 9
Century and during a time of significant changes in the shipping 10
industry, local residents came together to help the harbor 11
survive, expanding it to serve post-war needs in the 1950s and 12
reinventing it in 2008 when faced with economic challenges; and 13

WHEREAS, Bridge Street Ashtabula is renowned for its 14
development of blocks of charming shops and innovative restaurants 15
in century-old brick buildings, and the area has been recognized 16
by Independent We Stand for the residents' sincere efforts to 17
sustain its splendor. The beautification efforts are a testament 18
to the innovation and drive for progress that exist in local 19
citizens; and 20

WHEREAS, Creating a successful downtown business district, 21
Bridge Street Ashtabula radiates vitality and optimism. Every 22
state depends upon vibrant, thriving communities for its own 23
survival and stability, and although the area has known adversity 24
and tribulation, it has also been favored with its share of 25
blessings due to the effort of those involved with the group. As a 26

result of their efforts, the community is sure to remain on its 27
admirable course and continue to transform challenges into 28
opportunities; therefore be it 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 30
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend 31
Bridge Street Ashtabula on its recent national honor and look with 32
optimism to the promise of ensuing achievement; and be it further 33

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 34
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Bridge Street Ashtabula. 35