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**H. R. No. 199**

**Representative Hillyer**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring Schoenbrunn Village on its Two Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 134th 1  
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate Schoenbrunn 2  
Village on the Two Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of its founding; and 3

WHEREAS, After the Delaware Indians invited David Zeisberger to 4  
create a Moravian mission in the Ohio country, he and five Indian 5  
families founded a village near the Tuscarawas River in 1772, and 6  
Schoenbrunn not only became the first Christian settlement in Ohio, 7  
but it also established our state's first civil code and first 8  
schoolhouse. Although the village prospered for several years, its 9  
residents faced increasing pressure from both British-aligned Indians 10  
and encroaching settlers, and as a result, the villagers chose to 11  
abandon Schoenbrunn in 1777 shortly after the start of the 12  
Revolutionary War; and 13

WHEREAS, The Two Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of Schoenbrunn 14  
Village is a fitting time to pay tribute to the site, for it has held 15  
an important place in Ohio's history. Restored to appear as it did 16  
during its five years of existence, the village is currently comprised 17  
of sixteen reconstructed log structures, a church and gardens, the 18  
original cemetery, as well as a visitor center and museum, and it is 19  
managed locally by the Dennison Railroad Depot Museum. The 20  
preservation of Schoenbrunn is a justifiable source of pride for the 21  
whole of Tuscarawas County; and 22

WHEREAS, In this modern era, in which the durability of goods and 23  
values is often measured in months and days rather than in years and 24  
decades, it is not only enlightening but also satisfying to discover 25  
that some representations of the past still stand for future 26

generations as a record of, and a monument to, previous achievements. 27  
Schoenbrunn Village has certainly made positive contributions to the 28  
State of Ohio, standing as an example of the rich heritage of bygone 29  
days; therefore be it 30

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 31  
the 134th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 32  
commend Schoenbrunn Village on its Two Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary 33  
and salute all those participating in this noteworthy celebration; and 34  
be it further 35

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 36  
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Dennison Railroad 37  
Depot Museum. 38