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Chairman Ghanbari, Vice-Chair Plummer, Ranking Member Thomas, and members of the House Homeland Security Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 232.

HB 232 aims to create a Historic and Patriotic license plate to support the Sons of the American Revolution. Funds from this license plate will go towards the efforts of the Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution to preserve America's heritage through educational programming as well as the restoration and repair of Patriot gravestones.

The Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution was founded on April 11, 1889, in the office of Governor J.B. Foraker here in the Ohio Statehouse. It was the very first S.A.R. State Society and predates the National Society Sons of the American Revolution by nineteen days. The Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution is dedicated to patriotism, education, and preserving history. Through their presence at civic and patriotic events, hosting educational content for students between 3rd and 12th grade, and supporting research and grave registrations of Patriots from the Revolutionary War, their impact can be felt across our state.

With 23 chapters across Ohio and 2,000 members statewide, the Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution plays a key role in maintaining the legacy of our founding fathers and those who forged this great nation.

The timing of this bill coincides with the commencement of upcoming America250 National, State, and local events which will honor and celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the independence of the United States.

It is for the above reasons that I believe Ohio should have a Historical and Patriotic Education license plate; to support the work of the Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution. Mr. Chairman and members of the House Homeland Security Committee, thank you again for the opportunity to speak on House Bill 232.