

Proponent Testimony: House Bill 232, Historic and Patriotic Education License Plate
House Homeland Security Committee
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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 provide testimony on HB 232.

The Mission of The Sons of the American Revolution is to honor our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.

SAR members help to achieve Patriotic, Historic and Educational Goals by participating in activities related to the SAR mission including:

- Color guards that wear Revolutionary War uniforms and participate in civic and patriotic events and observances
- Recognition for public service such as law enforcement officers, public safety officers, and other citizens who exemplify the best civic traditions of our nation
- Programs to honor, respect, and support the sacrifices of our veterans
- Commemorate and provide memorials for the people and events of the American Revolution
- Preserve records relating to the events leading up to and during the American Revolution
- Sponsor youth awards programs, including essay and oration contests for students, based on historical and patriotic themes
- Help people locate and evaluate genealogical records

Funding generated from the SAR Historic and Patriotic Education License Plate Program will be utilized to further promote our mission.

The timing of this bill coincides with the commencement of upcoming America250 National, State, and local events which will recognize and honor our Patriot ancestors, the events of the American Revolution, and the independence of our great Country. In addition, it was recently announced that the Ohio Society will host the 2028 SAR National Congress. This annual, week-long event brings together SAR Members from across the Country.

The License Plate Program will provide additional awareness about SAR, at a time when so many exciting activities and events are scheduled. Based on all the reasons listed, I proudly support the request to approve HB 232.

Mr. Chairman and members of the House Homeland Security Committee, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide written testimony today.

Respectfully,
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