



**Representative Rodney Creech  
40<sup>th</sup> House District**

**House Bill 209 Sponsor Testimony**

Chairman Ghambari, Vice Chair Plummer, Ranking Member Thomas, and members of the House Homeland Committee, thank you for allowing me to testify on House Bill 209.

The Ohio Society Daughters of the American Revolution (OSDAR) is part of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR). They are a non-political, women's service organization that is dedicated to historical preservation, education, and patriotism. OSDAR was founded in December 1891 and is comprised of thousands of women in throughout Ohio. Their members are passionate about community service, preserving history and educating children. In the last three years, Ohio Daughters have given over 550,000 hours in service to our local communities. They serve as mentors and tutors, including hours of promoting literacy with children, and adult literacy efforts as well.

The funds received through the license plate sales will go into the OSDAR General Fund where The Ohio State Society will put these funds towards the ownership and operation of the Christian Waldschmidt Homestead and Camp

Dennison Civil War Museum in Camp Dennison, Ohio. Ohio Daughters also participates in the support of several state historical sites, including the Madonna of the Trail monument in Springfield; the Pennsylvania House in Springfield; Minnie Louise Failing Museum in Fremont; and the Studebaker Brick School House in Greenville. We also locate, restore, and mark Revolutionary War patriot gravesites and headstones. Memorials, genealogical records, and preserving historical documents are regular activities of the Ohio Daughters. Their Board of Management will ensure that the funds are used to support DAR values, and the preservation of important components of our state's history.