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Rep J Miller:

HCR 5 is a concurrent resolution to support the work of the Ohio 250 Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial, which celebrates the nation's 250th anniversary.

The 134th General Assembly created the Ohio Semiquincentennial Commission to cement Ohio's leading role into the nation's anniversary, and so far it has proven to be a national leader in preparation. This is Ohio's time to demonstrate how significant Ohio has been in shaping national stories, contributing to the economic development of the nation, and Ohio's impact on the American way of life.

The Commission's 88-county approach to the anniversary will ensure that all communities which choose to participate will have resources and expertise available to help achieve their local goals. A majority of the state dollars used will go towards providing grants, matching funds, and marketing for local communities. The Commission will not be hovering over every local government and organization, but rather supporting individual efforts that make sense for local communities. The goal is to amplify local efforts and have this initiative bring people together to celebrate Ohio's accomplishments. For every district represented here in the House State and Local Government Committee, there are dozens of events and initiatives that highlight each district's unique qualities that will bring tourists, economic activity, and unity.

Chair John, the many parks and the Mansfield/Shelby KOA resort in your district would be excellent examples of places to celebrate and bring people together. Vice Chair Dean, Xenia Station and Historic Museum could be a great place to hold events to honor America's 250th anniversary. Ranking Member Brennan, the Donna Smallwood Activities Center in Parma could get seniors involved in showing their pride for Ohio and the nation. These are just a few examples of how each community in each district can become involved in the America 250 celebration.

Rep Holmes:

The celebration of America's 250th anniversary seeks to highlight Ohio's many tourism assets, such as showcasing our many state parks, the National Museum of the United States Air Force near Dayton, our Great Lake, the Ohio River, our history with the automobile industry, and our many sports teams. Some additional points of pride to highlight are unique to Ohio. For example,

Fort Laurens in Tuscarawas County, as well as the Earthworks in Licking, Warren, and Ross County.

Most importantly, the Ohio 250 Commission seeks to tell as many Ohio Historical stories as possible. Ohio has a very rich, diverse history, and all of our communities have important stories to tell.

Now is a perfect time to find ways to come together, rebuild fellowship, and recognize those common values we all share. We're Ohioans, we live in a beautiful state, and we're excited to celebrate the 250th birthday of The Greatest Nation in History.

