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H. R. No. 178

Representatives Mohamed, Abdullahi

A RESOLUTION

Honoring June 20, 2023,
as World Refugee Day in Ohio.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th 1
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize June 20, 2023, as 2
World Refugee Day in Ohio; and 3

WHEREAS, "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses 4
yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore." 5
These words, written by Emma Lazarus, are engraved upon the Statue of 6
Liberty and embody our nation's solemn vow to always assist those who 7
dream and seek the opportunities that America represents, and there is 8
certainly no finer occasion to be reminded of this promise than on 9
World Refugee Day in Ohio; and 10

WHEREAS, Time and again, human history has been marked with war 11
and persecution, and those with the strength and resolve to flee these 12
conditions and find themselves in our state are deserving of our help 13
and not our scorn. As a society, we find ourselves in the midst of a 14
global refugee crisis, and if we wish to live up to the lofty ideals 15
upon which our nation was founded, we must lead by example and readily 16
welcome all those who come to us for assistance; and 17

WHEREAS, To that end, in 2001, the United Nations General 18
Assembly declared June 20 to be World Refugee Day, and on this 19
observation, we applaud the many people who have given their time and 20
efforts to assist refugees in building a new life here in Ohio. They 21
have truly shown themselves to be responsible and conscientious 22
individuals, and we could all stand to learn from their example; 23
therefore be it 24

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 25

the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 26
recognize June 20, 2023, as World Refugee Day in Ohio; and be it 27
further 28

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 29
duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news media of 30
Ohio. 31