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H. R. No. 242

Representative Baker

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the Cincinnati Observatory
on its Sesquicentennial in its current location.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th 1
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the Cincinnati 2
Observatory on its One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary in Mount Lookout, 3
celebrated September 30, 2023; and 4

WHEREAS, Recognition of this prestigious milestone is a fitting 5
tribute to the Cincinnati Observatory, for it has long stood as a 6
piece of the area's unique story. Established by Professor Ormsby 7
MacKnight Mitchel in 1843 as the first public observatory in the 8
Western Hemisphere, the organization moved to Mount Lookout in order 9
to have clear skies in 1873, and it has become a beloved institution 10
in the community, allowing countless people to experience the wonders 11
of our universe; and 12

WHEREAS, For as long as mankind has walked the Earth, we have 13
looked to the stars and dreamed of what they hold. An exceptional 14
community asset, the Cincinnati Observatory has allowed residents to 15
explore the sky, and its anniversary is a justifiable source of pride 16
and an excellent reflection not only on the building itself but also 17
on all those who have sustained it and who have given tirelessly of 18
their time, energy, and support to this part of Ohio's history; and 19

WHEREAS, The Cincinnati Observatory has certainly become an 20
emblem of the rich heritage of bygone days. In this modern era, in 21
which the durability of goods and values is often measured in months 22
and days rather than in years and decades, it is enlightening to 23
discover that some representations of the past still stand for future 24
generations as a testament to previous achievements; therefore be it 25

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 26
the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 27
commend the Cincinnati Observatory on its One Hundred Fiftieth 28
Anniversary in Mount Lookout and look to its future with optimism; and 29
be it further 30

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 31
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Cincinnati 32
Observatory. 33