

**As Adopted by the House**

**135th General Assembly  
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**H. R. No. 576**

**Representative McNally**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the Mahoning Valley Historical Society  
on its Sesquicentennial.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th 1  
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to pay tribute to the Mahoning 2  
Valley Historical Society on its One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary; and 3

WHEREAS, The spirit of our nation is founded upon, and reflected 4  
in, its exciting and colorful past, and the memorializing of 5  
significant landmarks, artifacts, and people is vital to the 6  
preservation of America's unique heritage. Formed at the second annual 7  
Pioneer Reunion Ball in 1875, the Mahoning Valley Historical Society 8  
was incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 1909. Despite ebbs and 9  
flows of interest, it has grown and acquired historic properties and 10  
other facilities, including the Arms Family Museum and the Tyler 11  
History Center as well as the Stewart Media Archives, to store, 12  
preserve, and display its collections. Over the years, the society has 13  
welcomed countless visitors, and its numerous exhibits continue to 14  
prove both enlightening and inspiring; and 15

WHEREAS, As the leadership, staff, and volunteers of the Mahoning 16  
Valley Historical Society, including its executive director, H. 17  
William Lawson, celebrate this milestone, they can reflect with pride 18  
on the accomplishments of the past and look forward to a rewarding 19  
future. Their exemplary efforts have helped to foster awareness and 20  
understanding of the area's rich history, and it is through the work 21  
of citizens such as these that Ohio continues to be a pleasant place 22  
to call home; and 23

WHEREAS, Through its various projects and programs, the Mahoning 24  
Valley Historical Society has helped to preserve the legacy of the 25  
region. Indeed, the organization is to be applauded for its tremendous 26

efforts to ensure that the important details of our past are 27  
transmitted to future generations for their appreciation, and we are 28  
confident that, in the years to come, it will follow in the tradition 29  
of excellence that has long been its hallmark; therefore be it 30

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 31  
the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 32  
congratulate the Mahoning Valley Historical Society on the occasion of 33  
its One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary and offer best wishes for ongoing 34  
success; and be it further 35

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 36  
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Mahoning Valley 37  
Historical Society. 38