

As Introduced

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S. R. No. 443

Senator Manning

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the Village of Wakeman on its celebration of the
One Hundredth Anniversary of the founding of the
Wakeman Country Club.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly
of Ohio are pleased to pay tribute to the Village of Wakeman on its
efforts to commemorate the One Hundredth Anniversary of the
establishment of the Wakeman Country Club; and

WHEREAS, This is, indeed, an important occasion, and it provides
an ideal time to acknowledge the unique story and enduring legacy of
one of the area's most historically significant sites. Established in
1924 by Garrett A. Morgan, the Wakeman Country Club was one of the
earliest recreation clubs in Ohio to be created specifically for use
by the local African American communities, and it offered a wealth of
recreational options, including camping, horseback riding, hunting,
fishing, swimming, a dance hall, and an amphitheater for exhibitions;
and

WHEREAS, A truly pioneering institution, the Wakeman Country Club
enhanced the quality of life not only within the Greater Cleveland
area but also for the residents of Erie, Huron, and Lorain counties,
and during its years of operation, it gained the appreciation of
countless visitors. While the club's original structures have been
lost to the march of time, its memory has not faded from the Wakeman
community, as exemplified by the recent placement of an Ohio
Historical Marker in its honor, and clearly, such a remarkable legacy
is deserving of applause; and

WHEREAS, The civic leaders and administrators of the Village of
Wakeman are to be commended for their tremendous efforts to organize

this commemoration, and we salute them as truly history-conscious 25
Ohioans. By acknowledging the tremendous impact of the Wakeman Country 26
Club, they have helped sustain the heritage of the area, and we hope 27
that their commitment to preservation will inspire local residents to 28
reflect more closely upon the colorful past that makes up our state; 29
therefore be it 30

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th General 31
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, extend special 32
recognition to the Village of Wakeman on this Centennial commemoration 33
and salute all those involved as fine Ohioans; and be it further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 35
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Village of Wakeman. 36