



**Senators George Lang & Hearcel Craig
Senate Concurrent Resolution 10
Sponsor Testimony
Senate Government Oversight Committee
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Senator Lang:

Chair Manchester, Vice Chair Brenner, Ranking Member Weinstein, and members of the Senate Government Oversight Committee, thank you for allowing my joint sponsor and I the opportunity to present sponsor testimony on Senate Concurrent Resolution 10: A measure to formally express our state's support of the Ohio Commission's work on the U.S. Semi quinentennial celebration of America's birthday.

It is my great honor to offer this resolution before the committee for all of us to have a small hand in celebrating this beautiful milestone for our state and nation. The Ohio Commission for the U.S. Semiquincentennial was announced on March 1, 2022 by Governor DeWine to prepare our state to participate in the 250th anniversary of

the United States of America. It goes without saying that Ohio is one of the most storied states in the history of our great nation. From the Ohio Company's settlement in Marietta, the first in the Northwest Territory, to the Treaty of Greenville, to Perry's victory on Lake Erie: our state has its claim in American lore, and this resolution will formally declare our support of the Commission to celebrate these wonderful events and more for America's 250th birthday.

Senator Craig:

Chair Manchester, Vice Chair Brenner, Ranking Member Weinstein, and esteemed members of the Senate Government Oversight Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on Senate Concurrent Resolution 10, a resolution that acknowledges and affirms Ohio's dedication to commemorating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America.

First and foremost, I would like to thank my joint sponsor, Senator George Lang. Our collaboration on this initiative reflects the very essence of the American spirit: unity, civic pride, and a shared commitment to honoring our nation's enduring legacy.

SCR 10 does more than acknowledge the anniversary; it recognizes that the story of America cannot be told without Ohio. From the birthplace of eight U.S. presidents to the Underground Railroad, from the Wright brothers' first flight to the innovation of modern industry, Ohio has always stood at the crossroads of progress and patriotism.

SCR 10 is an invitation to all Ohioans, urban and rural, young and old, from every background and belief, to join in honoring our nation's founding and envisioning its future. It is our opportunity to lift up the voices and stories that shaped our state and to reaffirm the values that bind us together as one nation.

I humbly urge this committee to support this important piece of legislation.