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S. R. No. 119

Senators Antonio, Patton

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the Great Lakes Science Center on the One
Hundredth Anniversary of the launch of the SS
William G. Mather.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 136th General Assembly 1
of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to the Great Lakes 2
Science Center as it celebrates the Centennial of the launching of the 3
SS William G. Mather; and 4

WHEREAS, The spirit of our nation is founded upon, and reflected 5
in, its exciting and colorful past, and organizations such as the 6
Great Lakes Science Center play a vital role in the protection of 7
America's unique heritage. The custodian for the *SS William G. Mather*, 8
the organization has used this historic vessel to help foster 9
awareness and understanding of the complex relationship between 10
technology, history, and the environment, and it is to be commended 11
for its tremendous efforts to guarantee that this museum ship is 12
preserved as a testament to the manufacturing legacy of the Cleveland 13
area; and 14

WHEREAS, Built in 1925, the *SS William G. Mather* operated as a 15
steamship and freighter for many years before being donated for 16
conversion into a maritime museum in 1987, and it was operated by the 17
Harbor Heritage Society before being acquired by the Great Lakes 18
Science Center in 2006. In that time, it has gained a fine reputation 19
as the repository of many period artifacts as well as for its 20
interesting and educational exhibitions, including its current 21
exhibit, *Steam and Steel: Propelling the Future of the Great Lakes*, 22
and clearly, it has become one of the center's most prized assets; and 23

WHEREAS, The Great Lakes Science Center has enhanced the quality 24

of life within the City of Cleveland and the surrounding area. With 25
admirable dedication, this worthy organization has ensured that the 26
important details of our past are transmitted to future generations 27
for their appreciation, and clearly, it is deserving of high praise; 28
therefore be it 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 136th General 30
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend the Great Lakes 31
Science Center on its commemoration of the One Hundredth Anniversary 32
of the launch of the *SS William G. Mather* and salute all citizens 33
taking part in this celebration; and be it further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 35
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Great Lakes Science 36
Center. 37