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Senator Maharath

A RESOLUTION

Honoring June 20, 2019, as World Refugee Day. 1

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 133rd General 2
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize June 20, 2019, as World 3
Refugee Day; and 4

WHEREAS, "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses 5
yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming 6
shore." These words, written by Emma Lazarus, are engraved upon 7
the Statue of Liberty and represent our nation's solemn vow to 8
always assist those who dream and seek the opportunities that 9
America represents, and there is certainly no finer occasion to be 10
reminded of this promise than on World Refugee Day; and 11

WHEREAS, Time and again, human history has been marked with 12
war and persecution, and those with the strength and resolve to 13
flee these conditions and find themselves in our state are 14
deserving of our help and not our scorn. As a society, we find 15
ourselves in the midst of a global refugee crisis, and if we wish 16
to live up to the lofty ideals upon which our nation was founded, 17
we must lead by example and readily welcome all those who come to 18
us for assistance; and 19

WHEREAS, To that end, in 2001, the United Nations General 20
Assembly declared June 20 to be World Refugee Day, and on this 21
observation, we applaud the many people who have given their time 22
and efforts to assist refugees in building a new life here in 23
Ohio. They have truly shown themselves to be responsible and 24
conscientious individuals, and we could all stand to learn from 25

their example; therefore be it	26
RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd	27
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, recognize	28
June 20, 2019, as World Refugee Day; and be it further	29
RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly	30
authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news media of Ohio.	31