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Representative Phillips

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Ohio University on the Bicentennial of Cutler
Hall.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1
131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to commend Ohio 2
University on the auspicious occasion of the Two Hundredth 3
Anniversary of Cutler Hall; and 4

WHEREAS, Recognition of this prestigious milestone is, 5
indeed, a fitting tribute to Ohio University's Cutler Hall, for 6
throughout the last two centuries, this fine structure has been an 7
invaluable asset to the campus. The cornerstone for Cutler Hall, 8
previously known as the College Edifice, was laid in 1816, making 9
it the oldest building of its kind in Ohio, and it has served in a 10
variety of capacities over the years, including as a dormitory, a 11
laboratory, a library, a museum, and senior administrative 12
offices. Initially remodeled in 1881 and renamed in honor of 13
Manasseh Cutler, a founder of Ohio University, in 1914, the 14
structure fell in disrepair for several years before University 15
President John C. Baker initiated an extensive renovation and 16
preservation campaign that restored the site's original 17
appearance, and it has since been designated a National Historic 18
Landmark; and 19

WHEREAS, In this modern era, in which the durability of 20
goods and values is often measured in months and days rather than 21
in years and decades, it is satisfying to discover that some 22
representations of the past remain for future generations as a 23
record of, and a monument to, previous achievements. Ohio 24
University's Cutler Hall has certainly made positive contributions 25
to the State of Ohio, and it stands as an example of both a rich 26
heritage and a hopeful tomorrow; and 27

WHEREAS, Over the years, Ohio University has demonstrated 28
exemplary devotion to quality higher education, and we applaud the 29
school for its unwavering efforts. As they celebrate the 30
anniversary of one of the school's most historic structures, the 31
faculty, staff, students, and alumni of OU can reflect with pride 32
on its past accomplishments and can look forward to a rewarding 33
future; therefore be it 34

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 35
Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 36
this Resolution, congratulate Ohio University on the Two Hundredth 37
Anniversary of Cutler Hall and extend best wishes for continued 38
success; and be it further 39

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 40
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Ohio 41
University. 42