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Representatives Perales, Ginter

A RESOLUTION

Designating 2018 as the Year of the Scenic River in Ohio.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to designate 2018 as the Year of the Scenic River in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, This designation serves as an opportunity to pay tribute to the splendor of our natural world as reflected in the miles of rivers that run throughout our state. Without a doubt, these waterways are not only a source of pride for the communities they serve but are also an important feature in improving the quality of life in our society by promoting a healthy lifestyle through aquatic recreation and the enjoyment of pristine and scenic settings; and

WHEREAS, 2018 is a momentous year, for it marks the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Ohio Scenic River Act and National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and these two laws were established to help preserve the outstanding natural, cultural, and recreational values of our rivers so that future generations may enjoy them. Over the last five decades, such bodies of water as the Little Miami, Ashtabula, Chagrin, Kokosing, Mohican, Olentangy, Sandusky, and Cuyahoga rivers and Big and Little Darby creeks have benefitted from the protections offered by these legislations; and

WHEREAS, At a time when many communities seem more concerned with urbanization than with conservation, it is, indeed, fitting that we salute the many individuals who have served as the caretakers of our public resources. Through their hard work and enthusiasm, the citizens of Ohio have demonstrated an unparalleled spirit of responsibility, and we encourage Ohioans to participate in events celebrating our scenic rivers; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 28
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 29
this Resolution, designate 2018 as the Year of the Scenic River in 30
Ohio; and be it further 31

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 32
transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news 33
media of Ohio. 34