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**H. R. No. 414**

**Representatives LaTourette, Antonio**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Recognizing Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month,  
April 2018.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1  
132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize Sexual 2  
Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, April 2018; and 3

WHEREAS, Sexual assault affects women, men, and children of 4  
all social, racial, religious, ethnic, socioeconomic, and age 5  
groups. Taking many forms, sexual violence can include incest, 6  
child sexual abuse, commercial sex trafficking, sexual harassment, 7  
stalking, and acquaintance, stranger, spousal, and gang rape, and 8  
nearly seventy percent of these crimes are committed by 9  
individuals who are known to the victim; and 10

WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and 11  
Prevention, approximately one in five women and one in seventy-one 12  
men surveyed in the United States in 2010 experienced a rape or an 13  
attempted rape at some point in their lives, with children and 14  
young adults being at a significant risk of this crime. Along with 15  
the immediate physical and emotional costs of sexual assault, the 16  
victims can have such adverse consequences as 17  
post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, major depression, 18  
homelessness, eating disorders, and suicide, proving that sexual 19  
assault survivors suffer from emotional scars long after the 20  
physical scars have healed; and 21

WHEREAS, On the occasion of Sexual Assault Awareness and 22  
Prevention Month, it is appropriate that we recognize and affirm 23  
the efforts of all those associated with advocacy groups that are 24  
working to educate the public about sexual violence awareness and 25  
prevention, for they have displayed an unwavering commitment to 26

meeting the needs of millions of men, women, and children who 27  
struggle with the physical and emotional ramifications of such an 28  
experience. We are certain that these fine individuals will 29  
continue their devotion to excellence long into the future; 30  
therefore be it 31

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 32  
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 33  
this Resolution, recognize April 2018 as Sexual Assault Awareness 34  
and Prevention Month and urge all Ohioans to take part in 35  
appropriate programs and activities in support of this special 36  
observance; and be it further 37

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 38  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news 39  
media of Ohio. 40