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Speaker Householder

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Buckeye Lake State Park on the One Hundred
Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the lake being named
Buckeye Lake by the Ohio General Assembly.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1
133rd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize Buckeye 2
Lake State Park as it commemorates the One Hundred Twenty-fifth 3
Anniversary of the designation of Buckeye Lake by the Ohio General 4
Assembly; and 5

WHEREAS, With the establishment of the Ohio and Erie Canal 6
in 1830, the Licking Summit Reservoir was formed. As the water 7
levels rose, the sphagnum moss that characterized the area broke 8
away from the wetlands and created what is known today as the 9
Cranberry Bog State Nature Preserve, which still produces 10
cranberries and is home to myriad species of plant and wildlife. 11
By 1894, the Ohio and Erie Canal had been abandoned and the 12
reservoir had begun to deteriorate, and in an effort to preserve 13
the natural beauty that had become synonymous with this community, 14
the Ohio General Assembly designated it as a public park and 15
renamed the tributary Buckeye Lake; and 16

WHEREAS, In the 1910s, Buckeye Lake State Park gained 17
notoriety as a popular entertainment destination for thousands of 18
visitors each year. Its fame led to the creation of such features 19
as an electric trolley system called the Columbus, Buckeye Lake, 20
and Newark Interurban Electric Railway, an amusement park with the 21
Crystal Ballroom and Pool on its North shore, and the Buckeye Lake 22
Yacht Club. In addition, the destination played host to various 23
rallies and entertainment acts over the course of its formative 24
years, but the Great Depression brought with it many challenges. 25

During the following decade, the residents and visitors of the 26
entity would see the lake transition from an entertainment venue 27
to a residential community with summer and year-around residents; 28
and 29

WHEREAS, In 1949, the Ohio General Assembly created the Ohio 30
Department of Natural Resources and the area was officially 31
designated Buckeye Lake State Park. Since that time, all those who 32
have supported and sustained the area have applied vision and 33
expertise to the task of protecting and preserving the environment 34
while creating public spaces with numerous recreational 35
opportunities that have made many significant contributions to our 36
state. By offering a sanctuary for wildlife where visitors can 37
connect with nature, the park has established itself as a treasure 38
of Ohio. As we celebrate the One Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary 39
of the naming of Buckeye Lake, we acknowledge all those who have 40
implemented considerable foresight and great care into maintaining 41
and improving this institution for future generations; therefore 42
be it 43

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 44
Representatives of the 133rd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 45
this Resolution, applaud Buckeye Lake State Park on the One 46
Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the naming of Buckeye Lake and 47
note with pride that it is through the diligent efforts of 48
individuals such as those associated with the park that Ohio 49
remains a state to marvel; and be it further 50

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 51
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Buckeye 52
Lake State Park. 53