

**As Offered**

**133rd General Assembly  
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**H. R. No. 203**

**Representative Lepore-Hagan**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the Committee of the Greater Mahoning Valley  
400th Year Commemoration of African American History on  
commemorating four hundred years of African-American  
history.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1  
133rd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to pay tribute to the 2  
Committee of the Greater Mahoning Valley 400th Year Commemoration 3  
of African American History on the Four Hundredth Year 4  
Commemoration of African-American History; and 5

WHEREAS, In 1619, the first Africans arrived in the English 6  
colonies at Point Pleasant, Virginia, to serve as slaves. House 7  
Resolution 1242 was passed by the United States Congress and 8  
signed by President Donald Trump on January 18, 2018, and 9  
established the 400 Years of African-American History Commission 10  
to help lead commemorations of the four hundredth anniversary of 11  
this event and the historic heritage of African Americans; and 12

WHEREAS, The four hundredth anniversary of the arrival of 13  
Africans in America is, indeed, an appropriate time to proudly 14  
acknowledge the Committee of the Greater Mahoning Valley 400th 15  
Year Commemoration of African American History for its remarkable 16  
record of service. This fine endeavor has organized activities for 17  
August 9-11, 2019, in Downtown Youngstown to educate the public 18  
about the inception of African-American history, recognize African 19  
Americans who have made academic, social, and cultural 20  
contributions to the local community, and celebrate the legacy and 21  
heritage of African Americans; and 22

WHEREAS, The memorializing of significant people and events 23

is vital to the preservation of America's heritage. All those 24  
involved with recognizing the four hundredth anniversary of the 25  
arrival of Africans in America, including the Committee of the 26  
Greater Mahoning Valley 400th Year Commemoration of African 27  
American History, are to be applauded for their tremendous efforts 28  
to ensure that the important details of our past are transmitted 29  
to succeeding generations for their reflection and reverence; 30  
therefore be it 31

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 32  
Representatives of the 133rd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 33  
this Resolution, commend the Committee of the Greater Mahoning 34  
Valley 400th Year Commemoration of African American History on the 35  
Four Hundredth Year Commemoration of African-American History and 36  
urge all citizens to support and participate in related 37  
activities; and be it further 38

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 39  
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the 40  
Committee of the Greater Mahoning Valley 400th Year Commemoration 41  
of African American History. 42