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Senator Kunze

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the Orange Johnson House on its Two Hundredth Anniversary.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 133rd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to commend the Orange Johnson House on the auspicious occasion of its Bicentennial; and

WHEREAS, Recognition of this prestigious milestone is, indeed, a fitting tribute to the Orange Johnson House, for this charming edifice in Worthington holds an important place in Ohio's history. Initially constructed in 1811, the former residence now serves as a museum that provides visitors with an insightful glimpse into our state's rich heritage; and

WHEREAS, The Orange Johnson House is one of the oldest homes in the region that still stands in its original location, and it offers a unique view of two distinct architectural periods. The oldest portion was built by Arora Buttles and is comprised of six rooms that exhibit features characteristic of the pioneer era, including a kitchen with an open fireplace fitted with a large iron crane and a low-ceilinged keeping room boasting solid walnut wainscoting and a steep dogleg staircase. The stately four-chamber Federal-style addition was erected in 1816 by Orange Johnson, a hornsmith who specialized in comb-making, and it is highlighted by a gracious entry with a curved fanlight, sidelights, and delicately reeded pilasters leading to a center hall; and

WHEREAS, Those who have maintained and protected the Orange Johnson House have made positive contributions to the State of Ohio and deserve praise for their remarkable initiative, diligence, and resolve to conserve the original integrity of this cultural gem. With a wealth of vision and vitality, they have

shown how very much can be accomplished by a group of 27
conscientious, industrious people, and they can be proud that 28
their unflagging commitment to preservation has made it possible 29
for the landmark to endure for subsequent generations of Ohioans 30
to enjoy; therefore be it 31

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd 32
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 33
congratulate the Orange Johnson House on its Two Hundredth 34
Anniversary and salute all those responsible for making this 35
commemoration possible; and be it further 36

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 37
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the staff of the Orange 38
Johnson House Museum. 39