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Roegner, Wilson, O'Brien, Blessing, Schaffer, Johnson, Reineke, Brenner,  
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**A BILL**

To enact section 5.53 of the Revised Code to 1  
designate January 22 as the "Day of Tears" and 2  
to repeal section 5.53 of the Revised Code, 3  
which designates the "Day of Tears," when the 4  
U.S. Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade. 5

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 5.53 of the Revised Code be 6  
enacted to read as follows: 7

**Sec. 5.53.** (A) The twenty-second day of January is 8  
designated as the "Day of Tears," to observe the anniversary of 9  
the erroneous ruling by the supreme court of the United States 10  
on January 22, 1973, that abortion was a right secured by the 11  
Constitution of the United States. The "Day of Tears" is 12  
designated to remember and mourn the innocent, unborn children 13  
who have lost their lives due to abortion. 14

(B) Residents of this state are encouraged to lower their 15  
flags to half-staff on the "Day of Tears." 16

**Section 2.** That section 5.53 of the Revised Code is hereby 17  
repealed on the date that the Supreme Court of the United States 18  
hands down a decision that overturns *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 19  
(1973), regarding its recognition of the right of the woman to 20  
choose to have an abortion without undue interference from the 21  
state. 22