

**As Adopted by the House**

**135th General Assembly  
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**H. R. No. 242**

**Representative Baker**



**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the Cincinnati Observatory  
on its Sesquicentennial in its current location.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th 1  
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the Cincinnati 2  
Observatory on its One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary in Mount Lookout, 3  
celebrated September 30, 2023; and 4

WHEREAS, Recognition of this prestigious milestone is a fitting 5  
tribute to the Cincinnati Observatory, for it has long stood as a 6  
piece of the area’s unique story. Established by Professor Ormsby 7  
MacKnight Mitchel in 1843 as the first public observatory in the 8  
Western Hemisphere, the organization moved to Mount Lookout in order 9  
to have clear skies in 1873, and it has become a beloved institution 10  
in the community, allowing countless people to experience the wonders 11  
of our universe; and 12

WHEREAS, For as long as mankind has walked the Earth, we have 13  
looked to the stars and dreamed of what they hold. An exceptional 14  
community asset, the Cincinnati Observatory has allowed residents to 15  
explore the sky, and its anniversary is a justifiable source of pride 16  
and an excellent reflection not only on the building itself but also 17  
on all those who have sustained it and who have given tirelessly of 18  
their time, energy, and support to this part of Ohio’s history; and 19

WHEREAS, The Cincinnati Observatory has certainly become an 20  
emblem of the rich heritage of bygone days. In this modern era, in 21  
which the durability of goods and values is often measured in months 22  
and days rather than in years and decades, it is enlightening to 23  
discover that some representations of the past still stand for future 24  
generations as a testament to previous achievements; therefore be it 25

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 26  
the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 27  
commend the Cincinnati Observatory on its One Hundred Fiftieth 28  
Anniversary in Mount Lookout and look to its future with optimism; and 29  
be it further 30

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 31  
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Cincinnati 32  
Observatory. 33