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**Representatives Snitchler, Stautberg**

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**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To express the General Assembly's support for the 1  
commercial docket pilot project established by the 2  
Supreme Court. 3

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE  
OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, Commercial litigation is a complex and highly 4  
specialized area of law that requires special expertise on the 5  
part of judges as well as attorneys; and 6

WHEREAS, Commercial litigation is often costly and 7  
unpredictable, and many judges lack the knowledge and experience 8  
needed to manage and decide commercial cases efficiently and 9  
reliably; and 10

WHEREAS, In 2008, the Supreme Court of Ohio adopted Temporary 11  
Rules of Superintendence authorizing the Chief Justice to 12  
designate up to five counties to participate in a pilot project 13  
creating commercial dockets in the courts of common pleas in those 14  
counties that are overseen by judges with expertise in commercial 15  
litigation; and 16

WHEREAS, The courts of common pleas of Cuyahoga, Franklin, 17  
Hamilton, and Lucas counties have been participating successfully 18

in the pilot project, cases are being handled more expeditiously 19  
and the law is being applied more consistently in those courts 20  
than before the pilot project, and the pilot project has resulted 21  
in a general benefit of the courts, businesses, and people of this 22  
state; and 23

WHEREAS, The development and utilization of special dockets 24  
to address commercial issues gives existing and future businesses 25  
located in Ohio more confidence that commercial issues will be 26  
handled by experts in that area of law and will result in greater 27  
certainty and stability for businesses; therefore be it 28

RESOLVED, That the General Assembly endorses the commercial 29  
docket pilot project and urges the Supreme Court to expand the 30  
commercial docket program and to make it permanent upon completion 31  
of the pilot project; and be it further 32

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 33  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to Chief 34  
Justice Thomas J. Moyer and to the news media of Ohio. 35