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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To honor Ohio ancestors for the unrivaled 1
contribution they made to winning the American 2
Civil War and, in observing the Sesquicentennial 3
years of the War, 2011 through 2015, to urge 4
Ohioans to draw inspiration from the courage, 5
cooperation, and persistence that were displayed 6
by their Ohio ancestors during the American Civil 7
War. 8

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

WHEREAS, From 2011 through 2015, the United States will 9
observe the Sesquicentennial, the 150th anniversary, of the 10
American Civil War and in so doing will commemorate the 11
citizen-soldiers of many states; and 12

WHEREAS, The Civil War was one of the hardest fought wars in 13
history as it averaged seven battles, firefights, or other armed 14
clashes every day for four years. Furthermore, the Civil War was 15
the costliest war in terms of human life in the history of this 16
country, killing an estimated 620,000 men, an average of 599 17
deaths every day of the war. The loss of life was greater than in 18
American wars from the American Revolution to the Korean War 19

combined; and 20

WHEREAS, After nearly 150 years of focusing on the Civil 21
War's eastern theater consisting of Virginia, Maryland, and 22
Pennsylvania, historians are beginning to realize how the outcome 23
of the Civil War was largely shaped by the western theater of the 24
war, which was fought mostly by troops from the midwestern states. 25
Of all of the northern states fighting in that theater, Ohio 26
supplied the largest number of soldiers, more than 300,000 troops. 27
Furthermore, soldiers from Ohio fought in every campaign and most 28
major battles in the western theater of the war and participated 29
in many of the battles in the eastern theater as well; and 30

WHEREAS, The war's greatest general, Ulysses S. Grant, and 31
the Union's second most important general, William Tecumseh 32
Sherman, were both native Ohioans. In addition, other notable war 33
leaders were from Ohio, including General Philip H. Sheridan, 34
Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton, and Secretary of the Treasury 35
Salmon P. Chase; and 36

WHEREAS, Ohio's strategic location and its numerous farms, 37
factories, and railroad tracks made it one of the Civil War's most 38
important sources of war supplies, including horses, sheep, and 39
valuable grains. Additionally, Ohio's soldiers were supported by 40
an extraordinarily large number of women who, with the help of 41
children and the elderly, not only sustained the home front while 42
the men were away, but also supplied the army with vast amounts of 43
needed food, clothing, and medical supplies. The women also 44
provided medical care to wounded soldiers at home and in military 45
hospitals and kept the morale of the soldiers high by providing 46
love and support to the men at the front lines; and 47

WHEREAS, Ohio's contributions of the largest number of 48
soldiers in the western theater, outstanding military and civilian 49
leaders, and enormous amounts of war supplies make it stand out 50
among all of the states in determining the outcome of the American 51

Civil War. However, because of the concentration of attention on 52
the events in the eastern theater of the war and the absence of 53
major battles in Ohio, the state's role in the Civil War has never 54
received the attention that it merits; and 55

WHEREAS, The Sesquicentennial is an opportunity to garner 56
long overdue attention for Ohio's extraordinary role in the Civil 57
War, which is one of the most important events in the history of 58
this nation; now therefore be it 59

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 129th General Assembly 60
of the State of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, honor Ohio 61
ancestors as the country observes the Sesquicentennial years of 62
the American Civil War for the unrivaled contribution they made to 63
winning that war; and be it further 64

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 129th General Assembly 65
of the State of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, urge Ohioans to 66
draw inspiration from the courage, cooperation, and persistence of 67
their Ohio ancestors that were displayed during the American Civil 68
War and be moved by that example to work together with similar 69
dedication to address the problems of today; and be it further 70

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be distributed to 71
the news media of Ohio. 72