

**As Introduced**

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**H. C. R. No. 11**

**Representative Stebelton**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Gerberry, Grossman, Thompson, Duffey,  
Rogers, Slesnick, Beck, Adams, R., Brown, Hackett, Mallory, Buchy, Scherer,  
Antonio, Dovilla, Anielski, Milkovich, O'Brien, Fedor, Hayes, Brenner**

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**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To designate July 2013 as Ohio Independent Business 1  
Month. 2

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

WHEREAS, The members of the 130th General Assembly of the 3  
State of Ohio are pleased to designate July 2013 as "Ohio 4  
Independent Business Month"; and 5

WHEREAS, According to 2009 data collected by the federal 6  
Small Business Administration, Ohio has over 880,000 small 7  
businesses; and 8

WHEREAS, Small businesses represent over 98% of all Ohio 9  
employers and employ 48% of the private sector workforce; and 10

WHEREAS, A 2011 private study that surveyed over 5,000 Ohio 11  
businesses and consumers found that 83% of those surveyed 12  
expressed support for Ohio small businesses, but felt that there 13  
was no easy way to find information on such businesses; and 14

WHEREAS, Increased public awareness of Ohio's small 15  
businesses is key to the well-being of the state's economy; now 16  
therefore be it 17

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly 18  
of the State of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, recognize July 19  
2013 as Ohio Independent Business Month; and be it further 20

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 21  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 22  
Governor and to the news media of Ohio. 23