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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Honoring the Smith-Lever Act of 1914 on its
Centennial.

WHEREAS, The members of the 130th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to commend the Smith-Lever Act of 1914 on the auspicious occasion of its One Hundredth Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Recognition of this prestigious milestone is a fitting tribute to the Smith-Lever Act of 1914, for it has held an important place in American history. The Morrill Act of 1862 was instrumental in the creation of public and land-grant colleges and universities, and in 1914, Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia and Representative A.F. Lever of South Carolina introduced legislation that established and partially funded a national cooperative extension system to expand the vocational, agricultural, and home economics programs offered to rural America through these colleges. Signed into law by President Woodrow Wilson on May 8, 1914, the Smith-Lever Act was later amended to include schools beyond the original land-grant institutions and the tribal colleges of Native Americans, and its Centennial is being celebrated with activities at the national, state, and local levels; and

WHEREAS, The State of Ohio has benefited greatly from the Smith-Lever Act of 1914. Founded in 1870, The Ohio State University is Ohio's land-grant institution of higher learning, and the act has helped the OSU Extension bring education,

information, and training to people in agriculture-related fields in our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, The spirit of our nation is founded upon, and reflected in, its exciting and colorful past, and the memorializing of significant landmarks and events is vital to the preservation of America's heritage. All those involved with the observance of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Smith-Lever Act of 1914 are to be applauded for their tremendous efforts to ensure that the important details of our past are transmitted to succeeding generations for their reflection and appreciation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, honor the Smith-Lever Act of 1914 on its One Hundredth Anniversary and encourage all citizens to reflect on the significance of the landmark legislation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news media of Ohio.