

As Introduced

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H. R. No. 346

Representative Galonski

A RESOLUTION

To support the creation and continuation of roadside
habitat programs by the Ohio Department of
Transportation.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

WHEREAS, Pollinators such as bees and butterflies are a
critical component to Ohio's ecological system and crucial to
agricultural production; and

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WHEREAS, The population of these pollinators has
dramatically declined for various reasons, including habitat
loss. For example, more than 97% of the western monarch
butterfly population has been lost in some regions of the United
States; and

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WHEREAS, States have implemented various programs to
address these population declines, including roadside habitat
programs. The Ohio Department of Transportation has transformed
more than 800 acres of land along roads to attract monarch
butterflies and bees; and

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WHEREAS, The Department's roadside habitat program not only
creates a healthy habitat for pollinators, it also reduces the
need to mow these areas. In 2019, the reduction in mowing saved
more than two million dollars; now therefore be it

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RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd

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General Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this 22
resolution, support the creation and continuation of roadside 23
habitat programs by the Ohio Department of Transportation; and 24
be it further 25

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 26
authenticated copies of this resolution to the Director of 27
Transportation and the news media of Ohio. 28