



A Resolution

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*Commemorating the Fiftieth Anniversary of
the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.*

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 130th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize the historic occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, which took place on August 28, 1963; and

WHEREAS, The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom was the symbolic reference point and underpinning of the Civil Rights Movement, which attracted hundreds of thousands of Americans from across the country to the National Mall in Washington, D.C. to rally for racial justice and equality of opportunity. Asa Phillip Randolph, leader of the first predominantly black labor union, the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, and one of the organizers of the March on Washington Movement, convinced President Franklin D. Roosevelt to issue Executive Order 8802 in 1941, banning discrimination in the defense industries during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Bayard Rustin, a lead organizer of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom and advisor to the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered the "Tribute to Negro Women Fighters for Freedom" speech, which paid tribute to Daisy Bates, Diane Nash Bevel, Myrtle Evers, Prince E. Lee, Rosa Parks, and Gloria Richardson, and he was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award in the United States, by President Barack Obama. The president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., also delivered a timeless oratorical address on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial which became known as the "I Have a Dream" speech, in which he talked about the ongoing struggle for racial equality in the United States and helped galvanize support for the movement; an expansive selection of Civil Rights activists spoke at the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, including American Jewish Congress president Rabbi Joachim Prinz, United Auto Workers president Walter Reuther; National Association for the Advancement of Colored People president Roy Wilkins, National Urban League president Whitney Young, and Student Nonviolence Coordination Committee leader John Lewis; and

WHEREAS, The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom was a gathering of passionate activists, engaged citizens, and organizations fighting for social justice and equality and calling for the immediate desegregation of schools, strict enforcement of the 14th Amendment, and civil rights legislation that would address employment and workforce discrimination. It became a seminal moment in the Civil Rights Movement that built momentum for the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which barred discrimination against racial, ethnic, national, and religious minorities and women, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which outlawed discriminatory election practices; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 130th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, honor those who spoke and participated in this milestone occurrence of the Civil Rights Movement, and pledge a commitment to living out and expressing the ideals established at this historic event; and be it further

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

I, Vincent L. Keeran, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution No. 183, adopted by the Ohio Senate, August 19, 2013.

Vincent L. Keeran

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