

Eastern Egg Rock in Maine. In the early years of Project Puffin, Dr. Kress hand-raised the chicks until they were fledglings. Under his leadership, the project grew to incorporate Seal Island National Wildlife Refuge in Maine, and he oversaw the translocation of over 1,000 puffin chicks over the next decade to both islands.

These efforts were an immediate success, but attracting the fledglings back to the island to nest proved difficult. Through trial and error, Dr. Kress discovered and adopted innovative practices using vocalization playback, decoys, and mirrors to attract the migrating birds to return to the island. These methods are now known collectively as social attraction and are employed by ornithological experts internationally.

Dr. Kress later applied social attraction techniques to seabird restoration projects across the globe, leading the way for the successful rehabilitation of colonies in Hawaii, Bermuda, Japan, China, and Taiwan. As of 2012, 128 seabird restoration projects had utilized social attraction and chick translocation techniques, for the benefit of nearly 50 species at locations in 14 countries. His work transformed ornithological conservation and preserved numerous species of endangered coastal birds, redefining the possibilities for seabird conservation. These projects are a testament to Dr. Kress's commitment to conservation, the environment, and ornithology.

Dr. Kress's research opened new doors for conservation and his contributions to the scientific community have saved countless seabird colonies. As a result of his work, Maine islands are now home to some of the largest and most diverse seabird populations in the Gulf of Maine. His legacy will live on in the hundreds of people he has mentored during his career and the seabird populations our State is home to. I join with the people of Maine in commending Dr. Kress for his extraordinary efforts to preserve and cultivate our State's wildlife.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Swann, one of his secretaries.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF AN EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING A NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO HOSTAGE-TAKING AND THE WRONGFUL DETENTION OF UNITED STATES NATIONALS—PM 35

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying

report; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*), I hereby report that I have issued an Executive Order declaring a national emergency with respect to hostage-taking and the wrongful detention of United States nationals.

Hostage-taking and the wrongful detention of United States nationals are heinous acts that undermine the rule of law. Terrorist organizations, criminal groups, and other malicious actors who take hostages for financial, political, or other gain—as well as foreign states that engage in the practice of wrongful detention, including for political leverage or to seek concessions from the United States—threaten the integrity of the international political system and the safety of United States nationals and other persons abroad. I have determined that hostage-taking and the wrongful detention of United States nationals abroad constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States.

I am enclosing a copy of the Executive Order I have issued.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 19, 2022.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 8351. An act to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to suspend temporarily rates of duty on imports of certain infant formula products, and for other purposes.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following concurrent resolution was discharged from the Committee on the Budget pursuant to Section 300 of the Congressional Budget Act, and placed on the calendar:

S. Con. Res. 43. Concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2023 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2024 through 2032.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4552. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2022; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4553. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Minority Business Development Agency Organizational Structure and Position"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4554. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pipeline Safety: Safety of Gas Gathering Pipelines: Extension of Reporting Requirements, Regulation of Large, High-Pressure Lines, and Other Related Amendments: Technical Corrections" (RIN2137-AF38) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4555. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Procedures in Civil Administrative Enforcement Proceedings" (RIN0648-B172) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 11, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4556. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 566" ((RIN2120-AA63) (Docket No. 31435)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4557. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 4011" ((RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31431)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4558. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 4012" ((RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31432)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4559. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 4013" ((RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31433)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4560. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard

Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 4014" ((RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31434)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4561. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Oakwood, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2022-0310)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4562. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D Airspace, and Class E Airspace, and Removal of Class E Airspace; Greenville, MS" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2022-0433)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4563. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Honesdale, PA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2022-0403)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4564. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Connellsville, PA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2022-0309)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4565. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Class E Airspace; East Stroudsburg, PA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2022-0332)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4566. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Coeur D'Alene-Pappy Boyington Field, ID" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2022-0253)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4567. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Limon Municipal Airport, CO" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2022-0041)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4568. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class C Airspace and Revocation of Class E Airspace Extension; Fort Lauderdale, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2020-0988)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4569. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace, Revocation of Class E Airspace; Sitka Rocky Gutierrez Airport, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2022-0030)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4570. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Montpelier, VT" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2022-0376)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4571. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class B Airspace; Miami, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2020-0490)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4572. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Class E Airspace; Winfield, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2022-0267)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4573. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Limon Municipal Airport, CO" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2022-0041)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4574. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Owatonna, MN" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2022-0161)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4575. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace, and Revocation of Class E Airspace; Sitka Rocky Gutierrez Airport, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-

2022-0030)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4576. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Baldwin, MI" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2022-0306)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4577. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Graham, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2022-0311)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4578. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Rifle Garfield County Airport, CO" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2021-0465)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4579. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class D and E Airspace, Removal of Class E Airspace; King Salmon Airport, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2022-0317)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4580. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Milbank and South Dakota, SD" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2022-0307)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4581. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; AutoGyro Certification Limited (Type Certificate Previously Held by RotorSport UK Ltd) Gyroplanes; Amendment 39-22093" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2022-0685)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4582. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Viking Air Limited (Type Certificate Previously Held by Bombardier, Inc. and de Havilland) Airplanes; Amendment 39-22062" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2022-0284)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4603. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Embraer S.A. (Type Certificate Previously Held by Yabora Industria Aeronautica S.A.; Embraer S.A) Airplanes; Amendment 39-22074" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2022-0597)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4604. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes; Amendment 39-22028" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2022-0844)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4605. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; CFM International, S.A. Turbofan Engines; Amendment 39-22052" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2022-0094)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4606. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH (AHD) Helicopters; Amendment 39-22049" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2022-0294)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4607. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; De Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited (Type Certificate Previously Held by Bombardier, Inc.) Airplanes; Amendment 39-22064" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2022-0593)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4608. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; ATR Boeing Company Airplanes; Amendment 39-22049" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2022-0877)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4609. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc., Airplanes; Amendment 39-22073" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2022-0596)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4610. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes; Amendment 39-22105" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2022-0800)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4611. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal

Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; GE Aviation Czech s.r.o. (Type Certificate Previously Held by WALTER Engines a.s., Walter a.s., and MOTORLET a.s.) Turboprop Engines; Amendment 39-22102" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2022-0459)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-158. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio urging the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom to take whatever action is necessary to address and rectify the situation described in this resolution, and consider adding Canada to the Special Watch List of countries where the government engages in violations of religious freedom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 194

Whereas, The citizens of Ohio are citizens of the United States, which by its nature is a country of religious freedom free of government interference; and

Whereas, Civilized societies normative structures show churches to have jurisdictions separate from civil authorities, with the civil authorities having no authority in church governance, courts, preaching, or sacraments; and

Whereas, The first line of the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights states that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," thus upholding freedom of religion as one of our most sacred of Rights; and

Whereas, The founders themselves elaborated upon and celebrated religious freedom in their writings; and

Whereas, Thomas Jefferson in his letter to the Danbury Baptist Convention, said "Believing with you that religion is a matter which lies solely between Man & his God, that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship, that the legitimate powers of government reach actions only, & not opinions, I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should 'make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,' thus building a wall of separation between Church & State. Adhering to this expression of the supreme will of the nation in behalf of the rights of conscience, I shall see with sincere satisfaction the progress of those sentiments which tend to restore to man all his natural rights, convinced he has no natural right in opposition to his social duties"; and

Whereas, Roger Williams, founder of Rhode Island, believed that any government involvement in the church would corrupt the church and coined the term "separation of church and state" to keep the church safe from government interference; and

Whereas, The State of Ohio itself was founded upon similar premises from its inception as a part of the Northwest Territory; and

Whereas, The Northwest Ordinance stated in its first article, "No person, demeaning himself in a peaceable and orderly manner,

shall ever be molested on account of his mode of worship or religious sentiments in the said territory"; and

Whereas, The Northwest Ordinance stated in its third article, "Religion, morality and knowledge, being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged"; and

Whereas, The Ohio Constitution's Bill of Rights states in Article I Section 7, "All men have a natural and indefeasible right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own conscience. No person shall be compelled to attend, erect, or support any place of worship, or maintain any form of worship, against his consent; and no preference shall be given, by law, to any religious society; nor shall any interference with the rights of conscience be permitted. No religious test shall be required, as a qualification for office, nor shall any person be incompetent to be a witness on account of his religious belief; but nothing herein shall be construed to dispense with oaths and affirmations. Religion, morality, and knowledge, however, being essential to good government, it shall be the duty of the general assembly to pass suitable laws to protect every religious denomination in the peaceable enjoyment of its own mode of public worship, and to encourage schools and the means of instruction"; and

Whereas, The citizens of Ohio have a robust system of local religious charity systems; and

Whereas, The citizens of Ohio have stood against injustices throughout our history; and

Whereas, During the American Civil War, to help rid the nation of the injustice of slavery, the State of Ohio provided the United States government with more than two hundred sixty regiments, upwards of three hundred thousand men, including the prominent Generals McDowell, Buell, Sheridan, McClellan, Sherman, and future President Ulysses S. Grant; and

Whereas, Ohio abolitionists played a prominent role in the Underground Railroad, helping thousands escape the bondage of slavery to find freedom, such as our involvement in the abolition of slavery in the North; and

Whereas, We, the members of the House of Representatives of the 134th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, are the State representative body of such a freedom-loving people; and

Whereas, During the COVID-19 emergency, the government of Ohio stood up for religious liberty and exempted religious services from COVID-19 restrictions; and

Whereas, The State of Ohio has a vested interest in the affairs of Canada, being our neighbor to the North and Ohio's number one trading partner in the world in both imports and exports; and

Whereas, Ohio's exports to Canada benefit many segments of the economy, and thousands of individual companies, on both sides of the border; and

Whereas, Indeed Ohio is not alone in valuing freedom. The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms states that "Everyone has the following fundamental freedoms," which include the "freedom of conscience and religion." The arrests and actions described below, taken to enforce overly burdensome and unjustified orders, however, do not seem to live up to this praiseworthy statement; and

Whereas, We, the members of the House of Representatives of the 134th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, have taken note of the abuses of religious liberty that have gone on throughout the Provinces of Canada during the COVID-19 pandemic; and