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HONORING THE BICENTENNIAL OF MCCONELSVILLE, OHIO

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OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of Ohio's 15th Congressional District to recognize the bicentennial of McConelsville, Ohio. Since the earliest settlers first made their homes in the village of Old Town, along the Muskingum River, McConelsville has been the hub of Morgan County and serves as a reminder of much of our nation's early history.

As early as 1817, many recognized the advantages of the area, including the town's namesake, Roger McConnel. One of the community's earliest residents, he saw its potential and gifted four lots to the fledgling town. A tribute to his memory and the strength of this community, the town's Court House still stands resolute on two of those lots.

Fueled by Mr. McConnel's gift and its strategic location on the riverfront, the area grew rapidly in its earliest years – five churches, fifteen stores, two newspaper offices, and four factories had sprung up by 1846.

Today, it remains the county seat of Morgan County, and a wonderful place to work, live, and raise a family. I am grateful for the leadership of Mayor John Finley, the Members of the Village Council, and all of the neighbors and friends who have maintained McConelsville's strong connection to tradition and history.

I am honored to represent this village, where the core values of our nation are exemplified. This is a place where community, faith, and freedom are celebrated not just in recognition of the 200th anniversary of its founding, but each and every day.



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