RESOLUTION

Relative to the contest of election in the 98th House District.

WHEREAS, a Select Committee consisting of Representatives Huffman (Chair), Stautberg (Vice Chair), Dovilla, Pelanda, Stebelton, Clyde (Ranking Member), Curtin, Redfern, and Strahorn has been appointed by the Speaker of the House to inquire into and make a full and complete review of the record of proceedings before the Ohio Supreme Court in Case No. 2012-2151, a Contest of Election proceeding regarding the November 2012 general election for the 98th House District, involving Joshua E. O'Farrell, Contestor vs. Al Landis, Contestee, and to make such findings and recommendations as the facts warrant, and

WHEREAS, said Select Committee has now made a full and complete review of the record, and has found that the 2012 general election in the 98th Ohio House District which comprises Tuscarawas County and parts of Holmes County was conducted in compliance with the Ohio Constitution, Ohio statutes, Ohio Secretary of State directives, and all other applicable law, and

WHEREAS, the Select Committee, upon considering all of the evidence taken before Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor of the Supreme Court of Ohio, finds that that the people of the 98th Ohio House District, which comprises Tuscarawas County and parts of Holmes County, have been provided the opportunity of a fair election, and
WHEREAS, the Select Committee further finds that that the seating of Al Landis, the Representative-Elect from the 98th District holding the certificate of election, is valid by reason of the constitutional conduct of said election in Tuscarawas and Holmes Counties, and

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 6 of the Constitution of Ohio requires that the House assume and exercise the responsibility of judging the election, returns, and qualifications of its own members, in particular, the member from the 98th Ohio House District, and

RESOLVED, by the House, that it is hereby declared that the 2012 general election for the office of State Representative for the 98th Ohio House District has been lawfully and constitutionally conducted; and be it further

RESOLVED, by the House, that the seating of Al Landis, the Representative-elect from the 98th District holding the certificate of election is valid and shall continue, and he shall continue to exercise the rights and privileges of a member in accordance with the results of the 2012 general election in the 98th Ohio House District.