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Senator Roegner

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the late Machinist Mate 2nd Class Joseph Allen
Ashley for his heroic actions.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 133rd General 1
Assembly of Ohio extend posthumous recognition to Machinist Mate 2
2nd Class Joseph Allen Ashley as New Franklin, Ohio, dedicates 3
Memorial Day 2019 in his honor; and 4

WHEREAS, Joseph Ashley is, indeed, deserving of 5
acknowledgement, for he combined courage and dedication with 6
tremendous strength and resolve during his loyal service to our 7
country. A specialist in the maintenance of diesel engines, he was 8
known on Naval Base Guam for being able to fix most anything, and 9
to his credit, he earned a National Defense Service Medal and was 10
named Junior Sailor of the Third Quarter 2004. He was on a mission 11
aboard the *USS San Francisco* on January 8, 2005, when he perished 12
in the line of duty after the submarine struck an undersea 13
mountain, but because of his expert maintenance, the vessel was 14
able to return its crew members safely to port; and 15

WHEREAS, Joseph Ashley's steadfast devotion clearly shows the 16
potential of individuals to have a positive effect on the quality 17
of life in our society, and it is our hope that his sterling 18
example will inspire others to devote themselves similarly. He was 19
sincere and energetic in his approach to his work, and he 20
distinguished himself as a conscientious and responsible Ohioan; 21
and 22

WHEREAS, Joseph Ashley's willingness to fight and even to die 23
for our country's democratic ideals is a measure of his faith in 24
our nation, and the legacy of courage and commitment that he 25
established throughout his service will remain forever in the 26

hearts and minds of all those with whom he has served. He 27
exhibited exemplary patriotism, responsible citizenship, and 28
exceptional bravery, and he is truly deserving of high praise; 29
therefore be it 30

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd 31
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, recognize 32
Machinist Mate 2nd Class Joseph Allen Ashley on the dedication of 33
New Franklin, Ohio's Memorial Day 2019 in his honor and salute him 34
as one of the finest members of the United States Navy; and be it 35
further 36

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 37
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Machinist 38
Mate 2nd Class Joseph Allen Ashley. 39