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**Representative Green**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Ramos, Terhar, Young, Smith, K., Schaffer,  
Perales, Grossman, Blessing, Johnson, T.**

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**ACONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge the United States Congress to pass and the 1  
President to sign into law the Toxic Exposure Research 2  
Act of 2015. 3

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, Millions have served our great nation in the Armed 4  
Forces of the United States; and 5

WHEREAS, During their service many have been exposed to 6  
toxins with unknown consequences; and 7

WHEREAS, Most of these veterans did not know, while in 8  
service, that they were being exposed to harmful substances; and 9

WHEREAS, Many of these veterans suffer from the harmful 10  
effects of toxic exposure; and 11

WHEREAS, Service members that have been exposed to agent 12  
orange and its dioxin contaminates have reported a variety of 13  
serious health problems and symptoms, including cancers and 14  
birth defects in their descendants; and 15

WHEREAS, Many children and grandchildren of veterans have 16  
structural and nonstructural birth defects; and 17

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WHEREAS, The number of Vietnam veterans who have children and grandchildren with birth defects related to exposure to agent orange is significant; and

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Veterans Affairs has accepted that certain of these defects may be their result of the parents exposure to harmful substances during service; and

WHEREAS, Birth anomalies in the children of veterans are not tracked independently of other birth defects, so may go unreported, unexplained, and not researched; and

WHEREAS, State birth defect registries typically do not report to a national birth defect registry; and

WHEREAS, The cause of a miscarriage or of a still birth is seldom known or determined; and

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense, which have kept records of toxic exposures and possible exposures, have not researched possible effects of such exposures on the descendants of veterans; and

WHEREAS, S. 901 and H.B. 1769, currently pending in Congress, and known as the Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2015, would establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related to that exposure, and would establish an advisory board on such health conditions; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the members of the 131st General Assembly of the State of Ohio respectfully urge the United States Congress to pass and the President to sign into law the Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2015; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives	48
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the	49
President and Vice-President of the United States, the Speaker	50
and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the	51
President Pro Tempore and the Secretary of the United States	52
Senate, the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and	53
the news media of Ohio.	54