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## **A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the late Lieutenant Stephen F. Byus as the recipient of a 2015 Ohio Military Medal of Distinction.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio extend posthumous recognition to Lieutenant Stephen F. Byus on being presented with an Ohio Military Medal of Distinction, May 21, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Byus was an unforgettable man whose words and actions endeared him to everyone who knew him. A remarkable person who experienced joy, understood kindness and loyalty, and knew how to communicate his beliefs and share his strengths, he confronted challenges and faced adversity with an

admirable spirit, and the legacy of care and commitment he established will surely live on; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Byus was a member of the United States Navy Reserve and Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime, and he was serving his third tour of duty in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom when he was killed in the line of duty. Clearly, he was devoted to our country, and the ultimate sacrifice that he made to defend the ideals of democracy will stand as a monument to his personal character. His valiant efforts were truly admirable; and

WHEREAS, America has remained strong through the efforts of people such as Stephen Byus, who have demonstrated a commendable sense of duty, dedication to the noble principles of democracy, and love of country through exemplary military service. Indeed, his family and the citizens of Ohio and the United States can be proud that he helped preserve our nation's traditions of courage and excellence; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, pay tribute to the late Lieutenant Stephen F. Byus on receiving an Ohio Military Medal of Distinction; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Lieutenant Stephen F. Byus.