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A RESOLUTION

Honoring Senior Chief Edward C. Byers, Jr. on receiving a Medal of Honor.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to Senior Chief Edward C. Byers, Jr., on being presented with a Medal of Honor, our nation's highest military award; and

WHEREAS, Edward Byers' impressive credentials readily confirm how very worthy he is of this accolade, a fitting tribute to him for his conspicuous gallantry in the line of duty. A member of the U.S. Navy's famed SEAL Team 6, he was involved in the 2012 rescue of Dr. Dilip Joseph, an American civilian who had been abducted in Afghanistan, helping to defeat enemy combatants while

shielding the hostage with his own body and then providing medical 12
aid to a wounded colleague. Indeed, he completed his tasks with 13
efficiency, expertise, and valor, and his staunch commitment, 14
unwavering even under the most adverse conditions, helped to 15
ensure the overall success of his unit's mission. His 16
contributions have been truly inspirational; and 17

WHEREAS, As a mainstay of our military forces, Edward Byers 18
has convincingly demonstrated that he is both ready and willing to 19
face grave dangers in order to protect our people and our way of 20
life. His performance with SEAL Team 6 illustrates his stalwart 21
sense of dedication, and in his role as a chief special warfare 22
operator, he has proven himself equal to an array of formidable 23
challenges; and 24

WHEREAS, It is imperative that we openly express our debt to 25
the patriots who have served honorably in America's armed forces, 26
bearing this country's standard with courage, dignity, and 27
decency. Too many in our nation take for granted our precious 28
rights and privileges, never adequately considering the enormous 29
costs so frequently exacted in conjunction with the fulfillment of 30
military obligations. In every respect, Edward Byers has behaved 31
in an exemplary manner, and his numerous accomplishments are 32
likely to impel others to re-examine their own identities as 33
American citizens and to reflect more conscientiously on our 34
incomparable freedoms and solemn duties; therefore be it 35

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 36
Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 37
this Resolution, applaud Senior Chief Edward C. Byers, Jr., for 38
the brave and loyal conduct that earned him the Medal of Honor and 39
extend best wishes for a bright, rewarding future; and be it 40
further 41

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 42
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Senior 43
Chief Edward C. Byers, Jr. 44