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A RESOLUTION

In memory of Trooper Kenneth Velez.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Trooper Kenneth Velez and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Velez left an indelible impression on the people whose lives he touched, and he will be remembered as a spirited individual who contributed immeasurably to the world around him. A trooper with the Ohio State Highway Patrol since graduating from the academy in 1989, he was killed in the line of duty on September 15, 2016, and his contributions to his profession were, indeed, noteworthy; and

WHEREAS, Giving generously of his energy and abilities,

Kenneth Velez displayed exceptional concern and insight, and he 13
was tireless in his work to better the world around him. A devoted 14
father to his three children, he always used his talents to the 15
benefit of others, and although the void his death has created can 16
never be filled, the legacy of care and commitment he established 17
will surely live on. His absence will be keenly felt; and 18

WHEREAS, At a time when many people are content to take a 19
passive role in life, law enforcement officers often risk their 20
own safety, and in fact their lives, to ensure the well-being of 21
their fellow citizens. The devotion to duty that Kenneth Velez 22
showed in all of his endeavors earned him the genuine respect and 23
gratitude of his colleagues and of the community he so capably 24
served. The world is a richer place for his having been in it, and 25
he will be sorely missed; therefore be it 26

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 27
Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 28
this Resolution, express a profound sense of loss and sincere 29
regret at the death of Trooper Kenneth Velez and, in so doing, pay 30
tribute to the memory of a truly unique individual; and be it 31
further 32

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 33
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the 34
family of Trooper Kenneth Velez. 35