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A C O N C U R R E N T R E S O L U T I O N

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 SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 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

WHEREAS, The number of Vietman veterans who have children 18

and grandchildren with birth defects related to exposure to 19
agent orange is significant; and 20

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Veterans Affairs 21
has accepted that certain of these defects may be the result of 22
the parents' exposure to harmful substances during service; and 23

WHEREAS, Birth anomalies in the children of veterans are 24
not tracked independently of other birth defects, so may go 25
unreported, unexplained, and not researched; and 26

WHEREAS, State birth defect registries typically do not 27
report to a national birth defect registry; and 28

WHEREAS, The cause of a miscarriage or of a still birth is 29
seldom known or determined; and 30

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Veterans Affairs 31
and the Department of Defense, which have kept records of toxic 32
exposures and possible exposures, have not researched possible 33
effects of such exposures on the descendants of veterans; and 34

WHEREAS, S. 901 and H.B. 1769, currently pending in 35
Congress, and known as the Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2015, 36
would establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national 37
center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health 38
conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic 39
substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related 40
to that exposure, and would establish an advisory board on such 41
health conditions; now therefore be it 42

RESOLVED, That the members of the 131st General Assembly of 43
the State of Ohio respectfully urge the United States Congress 44
to pass and the President to sign into law the Toxic Exposure 45
Research Act of 2015; and be it further 46

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 47
authenticated copies of this resolution to the President and 48

Vice-President of the United States, the Speaker and Clerk of	49
the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro	50
Tempore and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the	51
members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media	52
of Ohio.	53