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**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To honor and recognize victims of Agent Orange during the 1  
Vietnam War. 2

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

WHEREAS, Our nation was conceived by individuals who were 3  
willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to 4  
ensure our individual and collective freedom, and Ohio is 5  
especially proud to be the home to so many valiant men and women 6  
who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and 7

WHEREAS, The citizens of the United States have, throughout 8  
the years, been called upon to take up arms against the enemies 9  
of this great nation, risking their lives and leaving their 10  
loved ones behind to honorably safeguard the freedoms and 11

liberties guaranteed to all Americans and vanquishing those who 12  
threaten our way of life; and 13

WHEREAS, More than eight million citizens of this country 14  
honorably served during the Vietnam War, during which time Agent 15  
Orange was widely used in Vietnam by the United States Armed 16  
Forces as part of the herbicidal warfare program, "Operation 17  
Ranch Hand," from 1961 until 1971; and 18

WHEREAS, Nearly twenty million gallons of the orange powder 19  
was sprayed over the land from helicopters or low-flying 20  
aircraft, destroying vegetation and crops in order to deprive 21  
enemy guerrillas of food and cover for their activities and 22  
exposing two million six hundred thousand American soldiers to 23  
the herbicide and defoliant chemical; and 24

WHEREAS, Agent Orange is a dioxin and cancer-causing 25  
chemical that enters the body through physical contact or 26  
ingestion and moves into the human cell nucleus, where it 27  
attacks the genes and causes a number of serious illnesses, 28  
including leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma, ischemic heart disease, 29  
soft tissue sarcoma, amyloidosis, diabetes, and cancers of the 30  
throat, prostate, lung, and colon; and 31

WHEREAS, Agent Orange also causes genetic damage, and in 32  
some cases, the children and grandchildren of veterans exposed 33  
to Agent Orange have been born with spina bifida and other 34  
abnormalities; and 35

WHEREAS, Today, only eight hundred thousand Vietnam 36  
veterans exposed to Agent Orange are alive, and approximately 37  
three hundred deaths occur among them every day; and 38

WHEREAS, While fallen comrades are memorialized on The Wall 39  
at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., those 40  
veterans who are victims of Agent Orange are not recognized as 41  
fatalities of the Vietnam War; and 42

WHEREAS, It is most appropriate that we should honor these 43  
veterans to the full extent of our ability, as they have made 44  
untold and innumerable sacrifices to preserve the liberties we 45  
enjoy today and that our progeny hopefully will continue to 46  
cherish for generations to come; now therefore be it 47

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 134th General 48  
Assembly of the State of Ohio, honor and recognize the victims 49  
of Agent Orange during the Vietnam War for their courageous 50  
service to our nation as some of America's most heroic citizens; 51  
and be it further 52

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 53  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 54  
news media of Ohio. 55