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**S. R. No. 262**

**Senators Schaffer, Reineke**

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**A RESOLUTION**

In memory of Senior Airman Brian "Kody" Johnson.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly of Ohio extend our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Senior Airman Brian "Kody" Johnson on the sorrowful occasion of his death; and

WHEREAS, Although there are no words to ease the grief now felt, surely there is solace in the remembrance of having known such an outstanding individual as Kody Johnson. Joining the U.S. Air Force in 2018, he was a CV-22 special missions aviator and unit deployment manager assigned to the 21st Special Operations Squadron, 353rd Special Operations Wing, at Yokota Air Base, and he received such decorations as the Air Medal, the Air and Space Commendation and Achievement Medals, the Meritorious Unit Award, the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. He was airborne off the shore of Yakushima Island when he was killed in the line of duty, and his absence will be keenly felt; and

WHEREAS, In many significant endeavors, including his membership in the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, Kody Johnson always used his talents to the benefit of others, and the laurels of his life stand as a tribute not only to him but also to those he left behind, including his mother and stepfather, Tina and Jamey, his sister, Marley, and his stepbrothers, Tyler and Travis. The great traditions of our country's service men and women are an important chapter of American history, and his family and friends can be proud of the sacrifices he made to ensure freedom and justice for all people; and

WHEREAS, Although the void his death has created can never be filled, Kody Johnson will be remembered as a spirited individual who

contributed immeasurably to the world around him. It is certain that 28  
the world is a richer place for his having been in it, and he will be 29  
sorely missed; therefore be it 30

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th General 31  
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, mourn the loss and 32  
salute the memory of a truly unique individual, Senior Airman Brian 33  
"Kody" Johnson; and be it further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 35  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Senior Airman 36  
Brian "Kody" Johnson. 37