As Adopted by the House

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H. R. No. 104

Representative Deeter

A RESOLUTION

In memory of John Saunders.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 136th 1 General Assembly of Ohio were deeply saddened to learn of the death of 2 John Saunders and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and 3 friends; and 4

WHEREAS, John Saunders left an indelible impression on the people 5 whose lives he touched, and he will be remembered as a spirited 6 individual who contributed immeasurably to the world around him. An 7 employee of R & L Carriers of Norwalk, a member of the Central Ohio 8 Truck Pulling Circuit, and a fifteen-year member of the Tri-Community 9 Joint Fire Department, he was at the scene of a house fire on the 10 night of April 16, 2025, when he tragically passed away in the line of 11 duty; and 12

WHEREAS, Giving generously of his energy and abilities, John 13 Saunders displayed exceptional concern and insight and was tireless in 14 his work to better the world around him. A loving father to his 15 children, Kila and Kaden, and a devoted son, brother, and friend, he 16 always used his talents to the benefit of those around him, and 17 although the void his death has created can never be filled, the 18 legacy of care and commitment he established will surely live on. His 19 absence will be keenly felt; and 20

WHEREAS, At a time when many people are content to take a passive 21 role in life, firefighters often risk their own safety, and in fact 22 their lives, to ensure the well-being of their fellow citizens. The 23 devotion to duty that John Saunders showed in all of his endeavors 24 earned him the genuine respect and gratitude of his colleagues and of 25 the communities he so capably served. The world is a richer place for 26 his having been in it, and he will be sorely missed; therefore be it 27

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RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 28 the 136th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 29 express a profound sense of loss and sincere regret at the death of 30 John Saunders and, in so doing, pay tribute to the memory of a truly 31 unique individual; and be it further 32

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

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