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Safety Committee**

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Senators Roegner, Timken

Cosponsors: Senators Schaffer, Johnson

To enact section 5.63 of the Revised Code to 1
designate August 26th as "Abbey Gate Remembrance 2
Day." 3

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 5.63 of the Revised Code be 4
enacted to read as follows: 5

Sec. 5.63. The twenty-sixth day of August is designated as 6
"Abbey Gate Remembrance Day" to honor hospital corpsman third 7
class Maxton W. Soviak of Berlin Heights, Ohio; lance corporal 8
David L. Espinoza of Rio Bravo, Texas; sergeant Nicole L. Gee of 9
Roseville, California; staff sergeant Darin T. Hoover of Salt 10
Lake City, Utah; staff sergeant Ryan C. Knauss of Corryton, 11
Tennessee; corporal Hunter Lopez of Indio, California; lance 12
corporal Rylee J. McCollum of Jackson, Wyoming; corporal Dylan 13
R. Merola of Rancho Cucamonga, California; lance corporal Kareem 14
M. Nikoui of Norco, California; sergeant Johanny Rosario 15
Pichardo of Lawrence, Massachusetts; corporal Humberto A. 16
Sanchez of Logansport, Indiana; corporal Jared M. Schmitz of 17
Saint Charles, Missouri; and corporal Daegan W. Page of Omaha, 18
Nebraska: members of the United States armed forces who 19

<u>tragically lost their lives during an attack at the Abbey Gate</u>	20
<u>of Hamid Karzai international airport in Kabul, Afghanistan,</u>	21
<u>while supporting operation allies refuge in 2021.</u>	22