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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, United States Navy, of Berlin Heights, 8
Ohio; lance corporal David L. Espinoza, United States Marine 9
Corps, of Rio Bravo, Texas; sergeant Nicole L. Gee, United 10
States Marine Corps, of Roseville, California; staff sergeant 11
Darin T. Hoover, United States Marine Corps, of Salt Lake City, 12
Utah; staff sergeant Ryan C. Knauss, United States Army, of 13
Corryton, Tennessee; corporal Hunter Lopez, United States Marine 14
Corps, of Indio, California; lance corporal Rylee J. McCollum, 15
United States Marine Corps, of Jackson, Wyoming; corporal Dylan 16

<u>R. Merola, United States Marine Corps, of Rancho Cucamonga,</u>	17
<u>California; lance corporal Kareem M. Nikoui, United States</u>	18
<u>Marine Corps, of Norco, California; sergeant Johanny Rosario</u>	19
<u>Pichardo, United States Marine Corps, of Lawrence,</u>	20
<u>Massachusetts; corporal Humberto A. Sanchez, United States</u>	21
<u>Marine Corps, of Logansport, Indiana; corporal Jared M. Schmitz,</u>	22
<u>United States Marine Corps, of Saint Charles, Missouri; and</u>	23
<u>corporal Daegan W. Page, United States Marine Corps, of Omaha,</u>	24
<u>Nebraska: members of the United States Armed Forces who</u>	25
<u>tragically lost their lives during an attack at the Abbey Gate</u>	26
<u>of Hamid Karzai international airport in Kabul, Afghanistan,</u>	27
<u>while supporting operation allies refuge in 2021.</u>	28