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Representative Green

A RESOLUTION

In memory of David C. Knapke.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio were deeply saddened to learn of the death of David C. Knapke and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, David Knapke left an indelible impression on the people whose lives he touched, and he will be remembered as a spirited individual who contributed immeasurably to the world around him. An emergency medical technician for Mercy Medical Transport and a lieutenant with the Williamsburg Township Fire Department, he collapsed while assisting with a fire on May 30, 2015, and later died; and

WHEREAS, Giving generously of his energy and abilities, David Knapke displayed exceptional concern and insight and was tireless in his work to better the world around him. He always used his talents to the benefit of those around him, and although the void his death has created can never be filled, the legacy of care and commitment he established will surely live on. The love, compassion, and understanding he so readily extended to others will long remain in the hearts and minds of all who cherished him, including his beloved wife, Patty, his son, Daniel, and his stepchildren, Maggie and Brady; and

WHEREAS, At a time when many people are content to take a passive role in life, firefighters often risk their own safety, and in fact their lives, to ensure the well-being of their

fellow citizens. The devotion to duty that David Knapke showed in all of his endeavors earned him the genuine respect and gratitude of his colleagues and of the community he so capably served. The world is a richer place for his having been in it; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, express a profound sense of loss and sincere regret at the death of David C. Knapke and, in so doing, pay tribute to the memory of a truly unique individual; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of David C. Knapke.