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Senator Gardner

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Senior Chief Edward Byers as a Medal of Honor recipient.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate Senior Chief Edward Byers on receiving a Medal of Honor; and

WHEREAS, Established by Congress during the Civil War as the first permanent military decoration, the Medal of Honor is today the nation's highest military honor granted to members of the armed forces who have demonstrated gallantry in fulfillment of their duties. This distinction exemplifies the spirit of those who fought valiantly to ensure that freedom-loving countries remained proud and respected nations, and in recognizing Edward Byers as the recipient of this accolade, we salute his outstanding record of patriotism; and

WHEREAS, A senior chief special warfare operator with the U.S. Navy and the recipient of two Purple Heart and five Bronze Star Medal awards, Edward Byers participated in the rescue of Dr. Dilip Joseph, a civilian hostage, from enemy combatants in Afghanistan on December 8-9, 2012, and he risked his own safety to ensure the well-being of Dr. Joseph. He has been accorded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions in the line of duty, and his willingness to fight for our country's democratic ideals is a measure of his faith in our nation; and

WHEREAS, The heroic traditions of our armed forces are an important part of our country's heritage, and Edward Byers has worked diligently to perpetuate this legacy. As he continues his military service, he has the satisfaction of knowing that he has provided a valuable service to our state and nation and has established a record of achievement worthy of emulation; therefore

be it 28

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st 29
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend 30
Senior Chief Edward Byers for his outstanding service and salute 31
him as one of Ohio's finest citizens; and be it further 32

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 33
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Senior Chief Edward 34
Byers. 35