

As Adopted by the Senate

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S. R. No. 324

Senator O'Brien

A RESOLUTION

In memory of Officer Justin Leo.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Officer Justin Leo and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Justin Leo 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. A graduate of Girard High School and the Youngstown State University Police Academy, he worked for the Mahoning County Sheriff's and Vienna Police departments before joining the Girard Police Department in 2012, and he was killed in the line of duty on October 21, 2017. His contributions to his profession were, indeed, noteworthy; and

WHEREAS, Giving generously of his energy and abilities, Justin Leo displayed exceptional concern and insight, and he was tireless in his efforts to better the world around him. A youth baseball umpire, a youth basketball coach, and a member of Girard Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 52, the Girard High School Alumni Association, and St. Rose Church, he always used his talents to the benefit of others, and he was a loving son to his parents, David and Patricia. Although the void his death has created can never be filled, the legacy of care and commitment he established will surely live on, and his absence will be keenly felt; and

WHEREAS, At a time when many people are content to take a passive role in life, law enforcement officers often risk their own safety, and in fact their lives, to ensure the well-being of their fellow citizens. The devotion to duty that Justin Leo showed in all of his endeavors earned him the genuine respect and

gratitude of his colleagues and of the community he so capably 29
served. The world is a richer place for his having been in it, and 30
he will be sorely missed; therefore be it 31

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 32
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, express a 33
profound sense of loss and sincere regret at the death of Officer 34
Justin Leo and, in so doing, pay tribute to the memory of a truly 35
unique man; and be it further 36

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 37
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Officer 38
Justin Leo. 39