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**Senator Schaffer**

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**A RESOLUTION**

In memory of Gunnery Sergeant James W. Speedy.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 134th General Assembly of Ohio extend our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Gunnery Sergeant James W. Speedy on the sorrowful occasion of his death; and

WHEREAS, Although there are no words to ease the grief now felt, surely there is solace in the remembrance of having known such an outstanding individual as James Speedy. Joining the U.S. Marine Corps in 2009, he was an administrative specialist with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 261, Marine Aircraft Group 26, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing assigned to Marine Corps Air Station New River, North Carolina, and he received such decorations as the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with two gold stars, the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon. He was participating in a NATO training exercise in Norway when he was killed in the line of duty, and his absence will be keenly felt; and

WHEREAS, In many significant endeavors, James Speedy always used his talents to the benefit of others, and the laurels of his life stand as a tribute not only to him but also to those he left behind, including his wife, Chyanne, his daughter, Emmy, his parents, Dan and Dora, and his siblings, Charles and Jennifer. The great traditions of our country's service men and women are an important chapter of American history, and his family and friends can be proud of the sacrifices he made to ensure freedom and justice for all people; and

WHEREAS, Although the void his death has created can never be filled, James Speedy will be remembered as a spirited individual who contributed immeasurably to the world around him. It is certain that

the world is a richer place for his having been in it, and he will be 28  
sorely missed; therefore be it 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 134th General 30  
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, mourn the loss and 31  
salute the memory of a truly unique individual, Gunnery Sergeant James 32  
W. Speedy; and be it further 33

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 34  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Gunnery 35  
Sergeant James W. Speedy. 36