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To enact section 5904.01 of the Revised Code to 1
create the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame to recognize 2
the post-military achievements of outstanding 3
veterans. 4

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 5904.01 of the Revised Code be 5
enacted to read as follows: 6

Sec. 5904.01. (A) There is hereby created the Ohio veterans 7
hall of fame. The governor's office of veterans affairs shall 8
serve as the veterans hall of fame's administrative agent. The 9
veterans hall of fame shall recognize the post-military 10
achievements of outstanding veterans and spotlight all veterans' 11
contributions to the civilian workplace. 12

(B) The Ohio veterans hall of fame shall have an executive 13
committee composed of thirteen members, all of whom shall be 14
veterans. The director of the governor's office of veterans 15
affairs shall be an ex officio member. The governor's office of 16
veterans affairs' veterans advisory committee, the advisory 17
committee on women veterans, the Ohio veterans hall of fame 18
foundation, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American 19

Veterans, the AMVETS, the Vietnam Veterans of America, and the
American Legion shall each appoint one member.

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The Ohio veterans hall of fame executive committee shall
appoint its final four members, one of whom shall be from any
veterans organization that is incorporated in this state and that
is not otherwise represented on the executive committee, one of
whom was inducted into the veterans hall of fame three years
before the current fiscal year, one of whom was inducted into the
veterans hall of fame two years before the current fiscal year,
and one of whom was inducted into the veterans hall of fame one
year before the current fiscal year.

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(C) Terms of office of the members of the Ohio veterans hall
of fame executive committee shall be for three years. Each member
shall serve subsequent to the expiration of the member's term
until the member's successor is appointed, or until sixty days has
elapsed, whichever occurs first. No member shall serve more than
two consecutive terms.

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(D) All vacancies in the membership of the Ohio veterans hall
of fame executive committee shall be filled in the same manner as
prescribed for original appointments, and the terms of the
appointees shall be limited to the unexpired terms.

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(E) The members of the Ohio veterans hall of fame executive
committee shall serve without compensation, but shall be
reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the
performance of their official duties.

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(F) The Ohio veterans hall of fame executive committee shall
elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from its membership. It
shall meet annually to select inductees for the veterans hall of
fame from the persons nominated in a manner prescribed by the
executive committee. The names of selected inductees shall be
submitted to the governor for final approval. The governor shall

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provide any final approval within thirty days after the executive 51
committee submits the names of the selected inductees. The 52
governor may reject any of the selected inductees for cause, but 53
shall not make any additions to the list of those inductees. 54

(G) Except as otherwise provided in this division, all state 55
elected officials, members of the general assembly, members of the 56
Ohio veterans hall of fame foundation, members of the veterans 57
hall of fame executive committee, members of the governor's staff, 58
members of the veterans hall of fame staff, and members of any 59
county veterans service commission, and the director of the 60
governor's office of veterans affairs, shall not be eligible for 61
induction into the veterans hall of fame until two years after 62
they have left their position. The executive committee may waive 63
the two-years requirement for nominees over the age of seventy. 64

(H) The Ohio veterans hall of fame executive committee is not 65
subject to sections 101.82 to 101.87 of the Revised Code. 66