

REPRESENTATIVE LUNDY

*In memory of Officer James Kerstetter.*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio:*

*WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 128th General Assembly of Ohio were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Officer James Kerstetter and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends; and*

*WHEREAS, James Kerstetter 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 fifteen-year veteran of the Elyria Police Department, where he served as an accident investigator, field training officer, and member of the special response team, he was responding to a call on March 15, 2010, when he was fatally wounded in the line of duty; and*

*WHEREAS, Giving generously of his energy and abilities, James Kerstetter 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. 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 James Kerstetter 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, and he will be truly missed; therefore be it*

*RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 128th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, express a profound sense of loss and sincere regret at the death of Officer James Kerstetter 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 Officer James Kerstetter.*