

REPRESENTATIVE HUFFMAN

*In memory of Staff Sergeant Jamal Tirik Clay.*

*WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 129th General Assembly of Ohio extend our condolences to the family and friends of Staff Sergeant Jamal Tirik Clay in their bereavement; and*

*WHEREAS, Although there are no words to ease the sorrow now felt, surely there is solace in the remembrance of having known such an outstanding individual. A member of the U.S. Army, Jamal Clay joined Company G, 1st Battalion, 319th Airborne Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team of the 82nd Airborne Division in 2005, and he held various posts, most recently serving as a vehicle recovery supervisor. In addition, he served two tours of duty in Iraq, and he received several awards and honors, including two Army Commendation medals and the Meritorious Service Medal. His valiant efforts were truly admirable, and his absence will be keenly felt; and*

*WHEREAS, In many significant endeavors, Jamal Clay 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, Jasmine, and his daughter, Janye. 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, Jamal Clay 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 sorely missed; therefore be it*

*RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 129th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, mourn the loss and salute the memory of a truly unique individual, Staff Sergeant Jamal Tirik Clay; 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 Staff Sergeant Jamal Tirik Clay.*