

**Senator Coley**

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**RESOLUTION**

In memory of Staff Sergeant Robert A. Massarelli.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 129th General Assembly of Ohio extend our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Staff Sergeant Robert A. Massarelli on the sorrowful occasion of his death; 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 1998 graduate of East Kentwood High School, Robert Massarelli was a member of the 96th Transportation Company of the U.S. Army, and he was serving in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom when he was killed in the line of duty. His valiant efforts were truly admirable, and his absence will be keenly felt; and

WHEREAS, In many significant endeavors, Robert Massarelli 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 parents, Pat and Mary, and his two brothers, Mike and Ben. 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, Robert Massarelli 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 Senate 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 Robert A. Massarelli; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Staff Sergeant Robert A. Massarelli.

I, Vincent L. Keeran, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution No. 304, adopted by the Ohio Senate, July 9, 2012.

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Vincent L. Keeran  
Clerk of the Senate

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Senator Tom Niehaus  
President of the Senate

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Senator William P. Coley  
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