

AN ACT

To enact section 5.63 of the Revised Code to designate August 26th as "Abbey Gate Remembrance Day."

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That section 5.63 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 5.63. The twenty-sixth day of August is designated as "Abbey Gate Remembrance Day" to honor hospital corpsman third class Maxton W. Soviak, United States Navy, of Berlin Heights, Ohio; lance corporal David L. Espinoza, United States Marine Corps, of Rio Bravo, Texas; sergeant Nicole L. Gee, United States Marine Corps, of Roseville, California; staff sergeant Darin T. Hoover, United States Marine Corps, of Salt Lake City, Utah; staff sergeant Ryan C. Knauss, United States Army, of Corryton, Tennessee; corporal Hunter Lopez, United States Marine Corps, of Indio, California; lance corporal Rylee J. McCollum, United States Marine Corps, of Jackson, Wyoming; corporal Dylan R. Merola, United States Marine Corps, of Rancho Cucamonga, California; lance corporal Kareem M. Nikoui, United States Marine Corps, of Norco, California; sergeant Johanny Rosario Pichardo, United States Marine Corps, of Lawrence, Massachusetts; corporal Humberto A. Sanchez, United States Marine Corps, of Logansport, Indiana; corporal Jared M. Schmitz, United States Marine Corps, of Saint Charles, Missouri; and corporal Daegan W. Page, United States Marine Corps, of Omaha, Nebraska: members of the United States Armed Forces who tragically lost their lives during an attack at the Abbey Gate of Hamid Karzai international airport in Kabul, Afghanistan, while supporting operation allies refuge in 2021.

Matthew C. Hefner

Speaker _____ of the House of Representatives.

Robert M. LaRocca

President _____ of the Senate.

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Approved 31 MARCH, 20 26

Mike DeWine

Governor.



The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.



Director, Legislative Service Commission.

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Introduced by

Senators Roegner, Timken

Cosponsors: Senators Schaffer, Johnson, Antonio,
Blackshear, Blessing, Brenner, Chavez, Cirino, Craig,
Cutrona, DeMora, Gavarone, Hicks-Hudson, Ingram,
Koehler, Landis, Lang, O'Brien, Patton, Reineke, Reynolds,
Romanchuk, Weinstein, Wilkin, Wilson
Representatives Richardson, Dovilla, Ghanbari, Hall, D.,
Holmes, Lampton, Abrams, Bird, Brennan, Brewer,
Brownlee, Callender, Claggett, Click, Daniels, Deeter,
Demetriou, Fischer, Fowler Arthur, Gross, Hall, T., Hiner,
Hoops, Isaacsohn, Jarrells, John, Johnson, King, Kishman,
Klopfenstein, LaRe, Lear, Lorenz, Manning, Mathews, A.,
Mathews, T., McClain, McNally, Miller, J., Miller, K.,
Miller, M., Mullins, Newman, Odioso, Oelslager, Peterson,
Pizzulli, Plummer, Ray, Ritter, Robb Blasdel, Robinson,
Roemer, Rogers, Russo, Salvo, Santucci, Schmidt, Sigrist,
Sims, Stephens, Stewart, Swearingen, Synenberg, Thomas,
C., Upchurch, White, A., White, E., Willis, Workman,
Young

Passed by the Senate,

November 5, 2025

Passed by the House of Representatives,

march 4, 2026

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