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**Representatives Bird, Lipps**

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**A BILL**

To enact section 5.282 of the Revised Code to 1  
designate the ninth day of April as "Yellow 2  
Ribbon Day." 3

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

**Section 1.** That section 5.282 of the Revised Code be 4  
enacted to read as follows: 5

Sec. 5.282. The ninth day of April is designated as 6  
"Yellow Ribbon Day" in honor of United States army staff 7  
sergeant Keith Matthew "Matt" Maupin who, on that day in 2004, 8  
became the first prisoner of war in operation Iraqi freedom. The 9  
yellow ribbon, often displayed on clothing or on a tree, 10  
symbolizes support for members of the armed forces and unites 11  
United States citizens in their support for both members of the 12  
armed forces and their families. The dedication and sacrifices 13  
made by current active duty troops shall be recognized and 14  
honored on the ninth day of April. 15