

**As Adopted by the Senate**

**133rd General Assembly  
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**S. R. No. 103**

**Senator Hill**

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**A RESOLUTION**

In memory of Specialist Joseph P. Collette.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 133rd General 1  
Assembly of Ohio offer our deepest sympathy and heartfelt 2  
condolences to the family and friends of Specialist Joseph P. 3  
Collette in their bereavement; and 4

WHEREAS, Joseph Collette left an indelible impression on the 5  
lives he touched, and he will be remembered as a spirited 6  
individual who contributed immeasurably to the world around him. 7  
Commencing his tenure with the U.S. Army in 2010, he was the 8  
recipient of the Excellence in Competition Rifleman Badge, two 9  
Army Good Conduct medals, four Army Achievement medals, and a 10  
Purple Heart, and he was serving as a member of the 242nd Ordnance 11  
Battalion, 71st Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group in Afghanistan 12  
when he gave his life in the line of duty. A 2007 graduate of 13  
Lancaster High School, he embodied a combination of knowledge and 14  
commitment that made him a truly valuable part of our country's 15  
armed forces, and we take this opportunity to remember his 16  
exceptional record of service, a legacy that will surely live on; 17  
and 18

WHEREAS, Joseph Collette's zealous love of life and his 19  
selfless devotion to the welfare of others distinguished him as an 20  
outstanding human being and a leading citizen. The love, 21  
compassion, and understanding he so readily extended to others, 22  
including his wife, Caela, his two children, Blair and Cody, his 23  
two stepchildren, Lena and Aria, his parents, Joseph and Theresa, 24  
and his countless extended family and many friends, will long 25  
remain in the hearts and minds of all who knew him; and 26

WHEREAS, The ultimate sacrifice that Joseph Collette made to 27

defend the ideals of democracy will stand as a monument to his 28  
personal character. It is our sincere hope that his memory will be 29  
a source of comfort to those who loved and cherished him; 30  
therefore be it 31

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd 32  
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, express a 33  
profound sense of loss and sincere regret at the death of 34  
Specialist Joseph P. Collette; and be it further 35

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 36  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Specialist 37  
Joseph P. Collette. 38