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State Rep. Ron Young Passes Resolution Supporting the Efforts of the Faith-Based Communities' Drug Crisis Outreach

COLUMBUS—State Representative Ron Young (R-Leroy Township) today announced the passage of House Resolution 299 by the Ohio House of Representatives. The resolution was jointly sponsored with Rep. Timothy Ginter (R-Salem) and recognizes the statewide efforts of faith-based communities for victims of the drug crisis throughout Ohio. These communities are comprised of compassionate individuals who have tirelessly supported and assisted countless fellow Ohioans suffering from abuse of opioids and other drugs.

The kind of outreach offered by faith-based communities creates a unique perspective on emerging from the cycle of addiction—a perspective based on a trust in something stronger than one's own self and coupled with empathy and selflessness. These groups strive to provide advice and encouragement that can make a difference in the journey of a recovering drug addict.

"I have communicated with many faith-based organizations throughout the state within the last six months and have seen the impact of their help on many who are addicted," said Rep. Young. "They came to me with this idea and noted that support from the House of Representatives would assist in offering credibility of faith-based programming with judges and other leaders in their respective communities. Only these groups can offer the togetherness and loyalty of family—coupled with the love and power of God—that leads to true freedom from the power of addiction."

Drug addiction affects the whole person, damaging not just someone's physical condition but his or her mental and spiritual conditions as well. These faith-based communities provide value to Ohioans because they reach out to and empower those suffering from addiction in a way that addresses the whole person.

Whether friends and family or strangers, it is difficult to find an Ohioan who has not been hurt by the drug crisis. House Resolution 299 seeks to honor and recognize faith-based communities and their efforts to assist those who have fallen into drug abuse.

The resolution was voted out of the House State and Local Government Committee unanimously, and today was passed on the House floor with overwhelming bipartisan support.

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