

## CUYAHOGA FALLS VETERANS MEMORIAL BENCH

**WHEREAS**, over two hundred and thirty years ago the signers of the Declaration of Independence declared that “all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness”; and

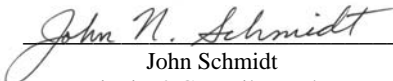
**WHEREAS**, throughout the course of American history courageous men and women have taken up arms to secure, defend, and maintain these core principles upon which our Nation’s freedoms depend. During the Vietnam War, thirteen courageous heroes from Cuyahoga Falls did what their country asked of them, sacrificing their lives in combat; and

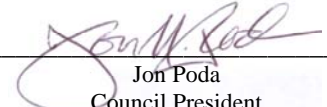
**WHEREAS**, Air Force Captain *Howard Leroy Barden*, age 33, killed Jan. 31, 1967; Army 1st Lt. *Owen Ray Emery*, age 22, killed Feb. 22, 1967; *James Douglas Fazzino*, age 20, an Army corporal killed June 11, 1968; Army Pfc. *Joseph Ellis Guenther*, age 23, killed Oct. 7, 1968; Army Capt. *Thomas James Shafer*, age 27, killed Jan. 9, 1969; Navy Lt. JG-02 *John Joseph Seery*, age 24, killed Feb. 19, 1969; Army Cpl. *Paul Eric Lees*, age 21, killed Feb. 5, 1970; Army Sgt. *Clayton Donald Whitcher*, age 21, killed April 7, 1970; Navy HM2 *Michael Richard Kempel*, age 22, killed Aug. 27, 1970; U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. *Ray Arnett Jr.*, age 19, killed Nov. 4, 1970; Marine 1st Lt. *Ronald Frederick Yale*, age 25, killed March 24, 1971; Army Cpl. *Richard James Morgan*, age 21, killed April 7, 1971; and Army Spc. 5 *Edward Mearl Ball*, age 22, killed April 25, 1971 will now forever be memorialized on a bench placed at the Ohio Veterans Memorial Park in Clinton, Ohio; and


**WHEREAS**, this Council desires to publicly recognize and honor their commitment to this country, their courage in combat and the untimely loss and memories for their families.

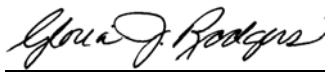
**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it known by all and declared by the Council of the County of Summit, State of Ohio that: This Council recognizes the dedication and hard-work, and the commitment to public service these servicemen provided to the County of Summit and to the United States; and with great honor we salute and commend them for their bravery and loyalty.

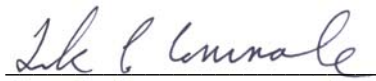
We urge all citizens to join in honoring the memory of these fine, upstanding, distinguished and dedicated men for their dedication to the public cause, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year 2010.

  
John Schmidt  
District 2 Council Member


  
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Council President

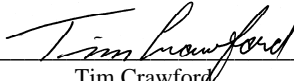
  
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