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**Media Alert**

**VOTE IN HONOR OF A VETERAN**

**MAY 8, 2008** – With Memorial Day being observed at the end of this month, the Clinton County Board of Elections would like to spotlight the “Vote in Honor of a Veteran” initiative launched by the Ohio Secretary of State earlier this year.

The program was started by the Secretary of State as a way to recognize the men and women in the U.S. armed forces for their service and sacrifices to protect freedom, democracy, and one of our country’s most sacred rights – the right to vote. Through the “Vote in Honor of a Veteran” program, voters are given the opportunity to help raise awareness about the importance of voting and honor the veterans whose service to our country makes democracy possible.

To participate in the program, voters need to complete a “Vote in Honor of a Veteran” response card and submit it to the office of the Secretary of State. On the response card, the voter can identify a veteran to be honored, as well as write a message about the veteran and what Voting in Honor of a Veteran means to them. This tribute may be posted in the testimonial section of the Secretary of State website (the Secretary of State’s office reserves the right to edit any submission and/or remove any inappropriate language or testimonial).

Once a response card is received and processed, the Secretary of State will issue the voter a pin to wear to honor their veteran and raise awareness of the importance of voting. A likeness of the gold and purple “Vote in Honor of a Veteran” pin is included on all program literature, as well as on the Secretary of State website.

To obtain a “Vote in Honor of a Veteran” response card or to get more information, please contact the office of the Clinton County Board of Elections at 937-382-3537 or the office of the Ohio Secretary of State toll-free at 877-SOS-OHIO. You can also download response card forms, posters, and get additional information by visiting the Secretary of State website at [www.sos.state.oh.us](http://www.sos.state.oh.us). Response cards and program information will also be made available to all county libraries and veterans organizations.

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