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Representative Antani

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Officer James Swearingen on receiving a 2018
Distinguished Law Enforcement Valor Award.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the
132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate Officer
James Swearingen on being presented with a 2018 Distinguished Law
Enforcement Valor Award by the Ohio Attorney General's Office; and

WHEREAS, James Swearingen is, indeed, deserving of high
praise, for he has combined civic concern and commitment with
selfless initiative to become a dynamic leader in the field of law
enforcement. A member of the Miami Township Police Department, he
was driving to work on February 5, 2018, when he witnessed a
potential carjacking. Armed with his off-duty weapon, he disarmed
the individual and took him into custody, ending a crime spree
that began with an armed robbery of a gas station and an earlier
carjacking; and

WHEREAS, Fulfilling his myriad duties with the utmost
efficiency and competence, James Swearingen has given willingly of
his time, energy, and abilities far beyond what was required or
expected, and he has certainly distinguished himself as a
conscientious and hard-working Ohioan. This achievement is a
justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection not only
on him but also on his family, his supervisors, his department,
and the entire Miami Township community, and we applaud his
exemplary efforts; and

WHEREAS, At a time when many people are content to take a
passive role in life, James Swearingen has chosen a vocation
through which he has often risked his own safety to ensure the
well-being of his fellow citizens. Indeed, his enthusiasm and

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devotion to duty have earned him the respect and gratitude of his 27
peers and of the community he has so capably served; therefore be 28
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RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 30
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 31
this Resolution, commend Officer James Swearingen for outstanding 32
accomplishment and salute him as one of Ohio's finest law 33
enforcement officers; and be it further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 35
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Officer 36
James Swearingen. 37