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**Representatives Antonio, Anielski, Dovilla, Smith, K., Boyd, Patmon, Howse,  
Barnes, Sweeney, Celebrezze, Baker**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the Cleveland Metroparks on its 2016 National  
Gold Medal Award.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1  
131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the 2  
Cleveland Metroparks on receiving the 2016 National Gold Medal 3  
Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management from the 4  
American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration and the 5  
National Recreation and Park Association; and 6

WHEREAS, The Cleveland Metroparks has made many significant 7  
contributions to the area and has earned the well-deserved respect 8  
and appreciation of the community it has so capably served. 9  
Winning the Class I category, the organization has demonstrated 10  
excellence in long-range planning, resource management, 11  
volunteerism, environmental stewardship, program development, 12  
professional development, and agency recognition, and among its 13  
endeavors, it created and implemented several major initiatives, 14  
including the TIGER Grant; and 15

WHEREAS, The Cleveland Metroparks previously won the 16  
National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation 17  
Management in 1994, 2001, and 2007. This prestigious accolade is a 18  
justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection not only 19  
on the organization itself but also on the astute management of 20  
its chief executive officer, Brian M. Zimmerman, and on its 21  
diligent staff and volunteers, for their work has certainly helped 22  
the district grow and flourish; and 23

WHEREAS, Since its establishment, the Cleveland Metroparks 24  
has enhanced the quality of life within the surrounding area by 25

providing local residents with numerous venues for leisure 26  
activities in natural settings. All those involved with the group 27  
are deserving of high praise for their efforts to serve their 28  
community to the best of their ability; therefore be it 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 30  
Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 31  
this Resolution, commend the Cleveland Metroparks for exemplary 32  
attainment and extend best wishes for ongoing success; and be it 33  
further 34

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