

As Adopted by the Senate

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S. R. No. 416

Senator Peterson

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Roy Rucker as the 2017 State Wildlife Officer of the Year.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate Roy Rucker on being named the 2017 State Wildlife Officer of the Year by the Ohio Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation; and

WHEREAS, Roy Rucker is deserving of high praise, for he has combined civic concern and commitment with selfless initiative to become an admirable leader in his field. A wildlife officer with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife for thirteen years, he is currently assigned to Gallia County, and he was instrumental in the investigation and conviction of a local wildlife violator. In addition, he has participated in numerous enforcement projects to protect fish and wildlife, and he has been involved with various activities held by the Gallia County Longbeards Chapter of NWTF, including the JAKES turkey hunt and the Wheelin' Sportsmen event; and

WHEREAS, Fulfilling his myriad duties with the utmost efficiency and competence, Roy Rucker 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. His achievements are a justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection not only on him but also on his family, his colleagues and supervisors, his department, and the entire community, and we applaud him on his exemplary efforts; and

WHEREAS, At a time when many people are content to take a passive role in life, Roy Rucker has chosen a vocation through

which he has actively ensured the well-being of our natural 27
environment. Indeed, his enthusiasm and devotion to duty have 28
earned him widespread respect as a capable ambassador of ODNR; 29
therefore be it 30

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 31
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend Roy 32
Rucker on his statewide accolade and salute him as one of Ohio's 33
finest law enforcement officers; and be it further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 35
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Roy Rucker. 36