

As Adopted by the House

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H. R. No. 556

Representatives Patton, Skindell

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Grace Leon on being presented with
the 2024 Citizen of the Year Award by the U.S. Marshals Service.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to
Grace Leon on receiving the 2024 Citizen of the Year Award from the
United States Marshals Service; and

WHEREAS, Grace Leon is, indeed, a remarkable individual, combining
compassionate concern with selfless initiative to become a tremendous
advocate for families of homicide victims. Becoming a licensed social
worker after her husband, Cleveland Police Officer Wayne Leon, was
killed in the line of duty two decades ago, she has served as a crisis
intervention specialist with the Cleveland Division of Police Homicide
Unit, and she has been a staunch supporter of the U.S. Marshals
Service and the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force and its
Fugitive Safe Surrender program since its founding in 2005. Willingly
giving of her time, abilities, and enthusiasm, she has dedicated
countless hours and seemingly inexhaustible energy to various
worthwhile endeavors that have contributed to the Greater Cleveland
area as well as to the mission of the USMS; and

WHEREAS, Known throughout the area as an exceptional community
member, Grace Leon has demonstrated commendable devotion and social
concern to her friends and neighbors and has gained the respect and
gratitude of all those who have come to know her. Her superlative work
is the hallmark of genuine and responsible citizenship, and it shows
the potential of each person to have a positive effect on the quality
of life in our society; and

WHEREAS, It is through the unsurpassed efforts and unparalleled
commitment of conscientious individuals such as Grace Leon that the

State of Ohio continues to grow and prosper and remains responsive to 27
the needs of its citizens. She has earned a fine reputation as a 28
generous and civic-minded person, and she is deserving of the highest 29
praise for her concerted efforts in behalf of the entire community; 30
therefore be it 31

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 32
the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 33
congratulate Grace Leon on her recent national accolade and salute her 34
as one of Ohio's finest citizens; and be it further 35

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 36
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Grace Leon. 37