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**H. R. No. 561**

**Representatives Upchurch, Patton**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force  
on receiving a Distinguished Group Award for a District Task Force.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th  
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to pay tribute to the Northern  
Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force on being presented with a  
Distinguished Group Award for a District Task Force by the United  
States Marshals Service, August 21, 2024; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious accolade, one of the highest honors  
given by the U.S. Marshals Service, has been accorded to the Northern  
Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force for its tremendous efforts. Created  
in 2003 and made up of officers from 150 federal, state, and local  
agencies, this special unit locates and arrests the most violent  
fugitives and runs operations focused on violent offenders, gangs,  
firearm offenses, and the recovery of missing children, and it has  
captured more than 55,000 wanted criminals since its inception; and

WHEREAS, It is the formidable charge of the members of the  
Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force to risk danger and hardship  
to protect the lives, rights, and property of area residents. Clearly,  
communities across Northern Ohio owe a debt of gratitude to these fine  
professionals for the courage and commitment that they have shown  
while faithfully serving the public; and

WHEREAS, Demonstrating a sincere concern for the future of the  
region, the members of the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force  
have given back far more than they have gleaned, and their selfless  
endeavors stand as the hallmark of responsible citizenship. They can  
rest assured that they have set an example of humanitarian service  
worthy of emulation, and considering the bravery, dedication, and  
self-sacrifice of this group of heroes, it is no surprise that they

have inspired trust, respect, and confidence; therefore be it 27

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 28  
the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, honor 29  
the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force on its invaluable 30  
contributions and applaud everyone who helped make this award 31  
possible; and be it further 32

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 33  
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Northern Ohio 34  
Violent Fugitive Task Force. 35