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**H. R. No. 375**

**Representative Cupp  
Cosponsor: Representative Strahorn**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring VaLaire Orchard as the recipient of a 2018  
American Red Cross Presidential Award for Excellence.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1  
132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate VaLaire 2  
Orchard on receiving a Presidential Award for Excellence from the 3  
American Red Cross, February 28, 2018; and 4

WHEREAS, This prestigious honor is a fitting tribute to 5  
VaLaire Orchard for her tremendous contributions to the American 6  
Red Cross. Becoming a swim instructor in 1943, she has volunteered 7  
in numerous capacities for seventy-five years, and she has been a 8  
tireless advocate for the organization in all of her endeavors. 9  
She is truly deserving of high national praise; and 10

WHEREAS, VaLaire Orchard is a remarkable woman, for she has 11  
combined humanitarian concern and commitment with selfless 12  
initiative to become a dynamic force in the State of Ohio. Through 13  
her decisive leadership, she has distinguished herself as a 14  
conscientious and responsible Ohioan, and we are certain that she 15  
will continue to demonstrate the same unwavering dedication to 16  
service and achievement for which she has become known; and 17

WHEREAS, Willingly giving of her time, energy, and 18  
abilities, VaLaire Orchard has striven to better the world around 19  
her, and through her generous efforts, she has earned the respect 20  
and esteem of all who know her. We are proud to note that it is 21  
through the unceasing work of people such as she that Ohio has 22  
gained a reputation as a state whose residents are responsive to 23  
the needs of their communities; therefore be it 24

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 25  
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 26  
this Resolution, commend VaLaire Orchard on her recent national 27  
accolade and salute her as one of Ohio's finest citizens; and be 28  
it further 29

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 30  
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to VaLaire 31  
Orchard. 32