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S. R. No. 474

Senator Dolan

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Colonel Guion Stewart Bluford, Jr. on being presented with the Ohio Distinguished Service Medal.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 133rd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to commend Colonel Guion Stewart Bluford, Jr., on receiving the Ohio Distinguished Service Medal from Governor Mike DeWine, February 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Routinely exhibiting unparalleled energy, skill, and initiative, Guion Bluford has served his community and his country with genuine distinction, and he has gained the enduring esteem and admiration of everyone who appreciates integrity, intelligence, and determination. A U.S. Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War, he became the first African-American astronaut to fly in space in 1983, and he compiled 688 hours in space before retiring in 1993; and

WHEREAS, An individual of exceptional civic concern and commitment, Guion Bluford has pursued his goals in a painstaking manner, never failing to overcome even the most seemingly insurmountable obstacle. Indeed, he has amply demonstrated how very much a conscientious and industrious person can accomplish; and

WHEREAS, Guion Bluford's inspirational efforts and achievements reflect his decency, dignity, and dedication, and he has received numerous accolades, including induction into the International Space and United States Astronaut halls of fame. Without fanfare, he has proven himself to be innovative, resolute, and utterly dependable, and young Ohioans could find no finer example to emulate; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd 26
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, applaud 27
Colonel Guion Stewart Bluford, Jr., on his exemplary record of 28
service and offer best wishes for happiness and fulfillment in the 29
years to come; and be it further 30

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 31
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Colonel Guion Stewart 32
Bluford, Jr. 33