

**As Introduced**

**133rd General Assembly  
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**S. R. No. 474**

**Senator Dolan**

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**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 1  
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to commend Colonel Guion Stewart 2  
Bluford, Jr., on receiving the Ohio Distinguished Service Medal 3  
from Governor Mike DeWine, February 20, 2020; and 4

WHEREAS, Routinely exhibiting unparalleled energy, skill, and 5  
initiative, Guion Bluford has served his community and his country 6  
with genuine distinction, and he has gained the enduring esteem 7  
and admiration of everyone who appreciates integrity, 8  
intelligence, and determination. A U.S. Air Force veteran of the 9  
Vietnam War, he became the first African-American astronaut to fly 10  
in space in 1983, and he compiled 688 hours in space before 11  
retiring in 1993; and 12

WHEREAS, An individual of exceptional civic concern and 13  
commitment, Guion Bluford has pursued his goals in a painstaking 14  
manner, never failing to overcome even the most seemingly 15  
insurmountable obstacle. Indeed, he has amply demonstrated how 16  
very much a conscientious and industrious person can accomplish; 17  
and 18

WHEREAS, Guion Bluford's inspirational efforts and 19  
achievements reflect his decency, dignity, and dedication, and he 20  
has received numerous accolades, including induction into the 21  
International Space and United States Astronaut halls of fame. 22  
Without fanfare, he has proven himself to be innovative, resolute, 23  
and utterly dependable, and young Ohioans could find no finer 24  
example to emulate; therefore be it 25

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