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S. R. No. 573

Senator Fedor

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Metroparks Toledo on being presented with the
2020 National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in
Category I Park and Recreation Management.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 133rd General 1
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize Metroparks Toledo on 2
earning this coveted national distinction bestowed by the American 3
Academy for Park and Recreation Administration and the National 4
Recreation and Park Association; and 5

WHEREAS, Metroparks Toledo is worthy of being named America's 6
Number One Large-City Park District for 2020, for it offers over 7
12,000 acres of engaging natural splendor as well as extensive 8
regional trails that connect the parks to one another and to the 9
surrounding communities. The vision for this magnificent 10
recreational venue began in 1928, and those who pursued it are 11
deserving of emulation for enthusiastically growing the park 12
system and welcoming countless admirers during its rich history; 13
and 14

WHEREAS, This outdoor destination in Lucas County is highly 15
regarded by visitors and local residents alike for its outstanding 16
beauty and its myriad contributions that enhance the general 17
welfare of the public. Indeed, Metroparks Toledo has been diligent 18
in fulfilling its mission to create, develop, improve, protect, 19
and promote parks and open spaces, and its National Gold Medal 20
Award certainly reflects its success as the centerpiece of the 21
region's appeal as a place to live, work, and visit; and 22

WHEREAS, Preserving our natural surroundings has never been 23
more important to our 24

well-being than it is today, and all those associated with 25
Metroparks Toledo, including Executive Director Dave Zenk, have 26
made unparalleled efforts to forge a better tomorrow through 27
conservation. This organization and all of its steadfast 28
supporters have served as vital intermediaries between man and 29
nature, and together they have demonstrated tremendous initiative 30
to work "for you, for us, forever"; therefore be it 31

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd 32
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, laud 33
Metroparks Toledo on this prestigious honor and look to its bright 34
future as a great Ohio resource; and be it further 35

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 36
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Metroparks Toledo. 37