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A RESOLUTION

Honoring Ohio Task Force One on its service to the
Surfside, Florida, community after the collapse of
Champlain Tower.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 134th General Assembly
of Ohio are pleased to pay tribute to Ohio Task Force One on its
rescue efforts in the aftermath of the tragic collapse of Champlain
Tower in Surfside, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Task Force One is deserving of high praise, for it
has certainly proven to be an important asset to the State of Ohio.
One of the twenty-eight Urban Search and Rescue teams that function
within the National US&R Response System managed by the Federal
Emergency Management Association, Ohio Task Force One exists under the
joint oversight of the Miami Valley Fire EMS Alliance, a council of
governments in Greater Dayton and Ohio, and the Ohio Emergency
Management Agency. In addition, it is comprised of team members who
come from both the private and public sectors, including fire and law
enforcement personnel, medical and hospital professionals, engineers,
and a large volunteer base; and

WHEREAS, On June 24, 2021, Champlain Tower, a 12-story condominium
in Surfside, Florida, partially collapsed. Rescue efforts persisted
for nearly three weeks following the incident, after which there was a
transition from rescue to recovery until July 23, 2021. Though many
building residents were rescued on the day of the collapse and in the
ensuing response efforts, a total of ninety-eight people lost their
lives as a result of this tragedy. Ohio Task Force One deployed
eighty-one members to work on the site, where they lent 240 hours of
service that yielded to the bodily recovery of fourteen victims and
assisted other teams in further initiatives until their return to Ohio

on July 15, 2021; and 26

WHEREAS, All those associated with Ohio Task Force One are worthy 27
of recognition for their selfless dedication during this national 28
tragedy. These fine individuals risked their own safety to ensure the 29
well-being of others, and their integrity is reflected in their 30
commitment and invaluable contributions to the community. These 31
esteemed individuals gave willingly of their time, energy, and 32
abilities far beyond what is required or expected, and we applaud them 33
on their exemplary efforts; therefore be it 34

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 134th General 35
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, congratulate Ohio Task 36
Force One on its tremendous service to the residents of Florida and 37
salute the agency as one of Ohio's finest; and be it further 38

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 39
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Ohio Task Force One. 40