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**H. R. No. 209**

**Representatives Richardson, Lorenz, McClain**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring Deputy Jarrod Kidwell  
on receiving the Medal of Valor.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th 1  
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate Deputy Jarrod 2  
Kidwell on being presented with the Charles "Bud" Meeks Award for 3  
Valor by the National Sheriffs' Association; and 4

WHEREAS, Jarrod Kidwell is, indeed, deserving of high praise, for 5  
he has combined civic concern and commitment with selfless initiative 6  
to become a dynamic leader in the field of law enforcement. A member 7  
of the Marion County Sheriff's Office, he was on duty on the night of 8  
November 21, 2022, when he and his partner, Deputy Jacob Johnson, were 9  
alerted of 911 calls reporting a crash that resulted in a van going 10  
into an icy pond and becoming submerged. Despite the frigid 11  
temperature, they responded ably along with other emergency personnel 12  
by entering the water and extricating the five occupants of the 13  
sinking vehicle. Without a doubt, their quick actions prevented an 14  
even greater tragedy from occurring; and 15

WHEREAS, Fulfilling his myriad duties with the utmost efficiency 16  
and competence, Jarrod Kidwell has given willingly of his time, 17  
energy, and abilities far beyond what was required or expected, and he 18  
is certainly a hard-working Ohioan. Receiving this prestigious 19  
distinction is a justifiable source of pride and an excellent 20  
reflection not only on him but also on his family, his supervisors, 21  
his department, and the whole of Marion County, and we applaud his 22  
exemplary efforts; and 23

WHEREAS, At a time when many people are content to take a passive 24  
role in life, Jarrod Kidwell has chosen a vocation through which he 25  
has often risked his own safety to ensure the well-being of his fellow 26

citizens. His enthusiasm and devotion to duty have gained him the 27  
esteem of his peers and of the community he has so capably served; 28  
therefore be it 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 30  
the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 31  
commend Deputy Jarrod Kidwell for outstanding accomplishment and 32  
salute him as one of Ohio's finest law enforcement officers; and be it 33  
further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 35  
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Deputy Jarrod Kidwell. 36