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H. R. No. 561

Representatives Upchurch, Patton

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force
on receiving a Distinguished Group Award for a District Task Force.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to pay tribute to the Northern
Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force on being presented with a
Distinguished Group Award for a District Task Force by the United
States Marshals Service, August 21, 2024; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious accolade, one of the highest honors
given by the U.S. Marshals Service, has been accorded to the Northern
Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force for its tremendous efforts. Created
in 2003 and made up of officers from 150 federal, state, and local
agencies, this special unit locates and arrests the most violent
fugitives and runs operations focused on violent offenders, gangs,
firearm offenses, and the recovery of missing children, and it has
captured more than 55,000 wanted criminals since its inception; and

WHEREAS, It is the formidable charge of the members of the
Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force to risk danger and hardship
to protect the lives, rights, and property of area residents. Clearly,
communities across Northern Ohio owe a debt of gratitude to these fine
professionals for the courage and commitment that they have shown
while faithfully serving the public; and

WHEREAS, Demonstrating a sincere concern for the future of the
region, the members of the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force
have given back far more than they have gleaned, and their selfless
endeavors stand as the hallmark of responsible citizenship. They can
rest assured that they have set an example of humanitarian service
worthy of emulation, and considering the bravery, dedication, and
self-sacrifice of this group of heroes, it is no surprise that they

have inspired trust, respect, and confidence; therefore be it 27

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 28
the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, honor 29
the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force on its invaluable 30
contributions and applaud everyone who helped make this award 31
possible; and be it further 32

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 33
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Northern Ohio 34
Violent Fugitive Task Force. 35