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**Senator Obhof**

**Cosponsors: Senators Burke, Brenner, Manning, McColley**



**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the METRICH Enforcement Unit on receiving a  
Distinguished Law Enforcement Group Achievement Award.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 133rd General 1  
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to applaud the Metropolitan Richland 2  
County Drug Enforcement Task Force on being presented with the 3  
Distinguished Law Enforcement Group Achievement Award at the 2019 4  
Ohio Attorney General’s Law Enforcement Conference; and 5

WHEREAS, This prestigious honor is a fitting tribute to the 6  
Metropolitan Richland County Drug Enforcement Task Force, and 7  
congratulations certainly are in order. As part of Operation 8  
Hadley’s Hope, the unit coordinated with law enforcement officers 9  
in multiple states to dismantle a criminal organization 10  
trafficking narcotics and stolen firearms, and the operation 11  
resulted in the indictment of nearly one hundred twenty 12  
individuals, the seizure of illegal weapons, and a reduction of 13  
violent crime in the region; and 14

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Richland County Drug Enforcement 15  
Task Force has enhanced the quality of life within the area, and 16  
its success is a justifiable source of pride and an excellent 17  
reflection not only on the program itself but also on the numerous 18  
agencies that supported this initiative, including the Mansfield, 19  
Marion, and Ashland police departments, the Richland County 20  
Sheriff’s Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the 21  
Drug Enforcement Administration. Through its innovative efforts, 22  
the METRICH Enforcement Unit has earned the respect and gratitude 23  
of the entire community, and it is certainly deserving of high 24  
praise; and 25

WHEREAS, All those associated with the Metropolitan Richland County Drug Enforcement Task Force, including Detective Sergeant Stephen Blust, Detective Nicole Gearhart, Lieutenant Joseph Petrycki, Detective Sergeant Joseph Soehrlen, Detective Perry Wheeler, Detective Brian Evans, Detective Wayne Liggett, Detective Chris Rahall, Special Agent Matthew Komar, Special Agent John Minichello, Special Agent Drew Stragar-Rice, Detective David Troutman, and Group Supervisor Quinn Auten, have certainly distinguished themselves as conscientious and hard-working individuals. Willingly giving of their time, energy, and abilities far beyond what is required or expected, these fine officers have fulfilled their duties and responsibilities with the utmost efficiency and effectiveness. Their professional ethics, positive work attitude, and cooperation with the public have earned them the respect and esteem of the citizens they so capably serve; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend the Metropolitan Richland County Drug Enforcement Task Force on its recent accolade and extend best wishes for ongoing success; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Metropolitan Richland County Drug Enforcement Task Force.