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H. R. No. 209

Representatives Richardson, Lorenz, McClain

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Deputy Jarrod Kidwell
on receiving the Medal of Valor.

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

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

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

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

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