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A R E S O L U T I O N

To recognize the Ohio National Guard for exemplary 1
service in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. 2

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

WHEREAS, There are more than 16,000 citizens in the Ohio 3
Army National Guard and Ohio Air National Guard, which make up 4
the nation's fourth-largest National Guard; and 5

WHEREAS, Ohio National Guard members work and live in 6
nearly every community across the state and have a proven track 7
record of success supporting civilian authorities during and 8
after homeland emergencies; and 9

WHEREAS, The Ohio National Guard members helped evacuate 10
stranded motorists, delivered supplies, and cleared snow from 11
roadways during the 1978 blizzard that hit Ohio; and 12

WHEREAS, The Ohio National Guard distributed vital 13
vaccinations and medical supplies during the 2009 H1N1 pandemic; 14
and 15

WHEREAS, During the 2017 hurricane season, more than 400 16
Ohio National Guard members deployed to Texas, Florida, the U.S. 17
Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico to assist in recovery efforts; 18
and 19

WHEREAS, On March 18, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine signed a state active duty proclamation to activate approximately 300 personnel from the Ohio National Guard to assist with humanitarian efforts supporting the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The Ohio National Guard has been supporting the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and the Ohio Association of Foodbanks at locations throughout Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 360 Ohio National Guard personnel are supporting humanitarian efforts with 14 food bank warehouses and local food banks throughout the state, which together provide food to Ohioans in all 88 counties; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 30 Ohio National Guard courier team personnel are picking up COVID-19 samples at long-term care facilities to deliver to laboratories; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 140 Ohio National Guard personnel are working with community health partners to offer free swab sample collection for COVID-19 testing at several sites throughout the state to help provide critical information to public health officials; and

WHEREAS, The Ohio National Guard has assembled teams to assist with temporary staffing at long-term care facilities; and

WHEREAS, Ohio National Guard medical personnel have been deployed to the Trumbull Correctional Institution to assist the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction; and

WHEREAS, Ohio National Guard medical personnel are helping alleviate COVID-19 related prison staffing shortages at the Belmont Correctional Institution near St. Clairsville. Team members are taking temperatures, vitals, and providing other support that falls within their level of medical training; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd

General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, recognize	51
the Ohio National Guard for exemplary service in response to the	52
COVID-19 pandemic; and be it further	53
RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly	54
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Adjutant General Major	55
General John C. Harris Jr., to Governor Mike DeWine, and to the	56
news media of Ohio.	57