

REPRESENTATIVE RUHL

*Honoring Sheriff David Barber
for receiving the 2011 Missing Children's Law Enforcement Award.*

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 129th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate Sheriff David Barber as the recipient of the 2011 Missing Children's Law Enforcement Award from the U.S. Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, The Missing Children's Law Enforcement Award recognizes the extraordinary efforts of a law enforcement officer who made a significant investigative contribution to the safety of children, and this prestigious honor is a fitting tribute to David Barber. The sheriff of Knox County, he coordinated federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies during a 2010 investigation that led to the arrest of a suspect in a triple homicide and the safe recovery of a thirteen-year-old kidnapping victim, and he is deserving of high praise; and

WHEREAS, Fulfilling his myriad duties with the utmost efficiency and competence, David Barber has given willingly of his time, energy, and abilities far beyond what was required or expected, and he has certainly distinguished himself as a conscientious and hard-working Ohioan. His achievements are a justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection not only on him but also on his family, his colleagues, his department, and his community, and we applaud him on his exemplary efforts; and

WHEREAS, At a time when many people are content to take a passive role in life, David Barber 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 earned him the respect and gratitude of his peers and of those he has so capably served; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 129th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend David Barber on his recent accolade and salute him as one of Ohio's finest law enforcement officers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Sheriff David Barber.